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# NURSING NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NATIONAL

### THE AMERICAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION

Meetings were held in New York, in October, of the directors of the American Nurses' Association, of the Revision Committee, the Robb Memorial Fund Committee and the Relief Fund Committee. The date for the convention in New Orleans was decided upon as April 26-May 2, 1916. Fifteen applications for membership were given consideration and four alumnae associations were accepted, as follows: Ohio Valley General Hospital, Wheeling, West Virginia; St. Agnes Hospital, Philadelphia; St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City; Woman's Hospital, Philadelphia. It was decided to call a meeting of the Advisory Council for the afternoon of January 21, 1916. The Advisory Council consists of presidents of state associations, the officers of the American Nurses' Association and the editor of the JOURNAL. The Committee on Central Directories was appointed: Margaret McKinley, St. Louis, chairman; Mae D. Currie, Indianapolis; third member to be appointed. It was announced that the Harvard Corporation has opened its school for health officers to women students. It was decided that applicants for help from the Relief Fund must be members of the American Nurses' Association. The Robb Memorial Fund Committee decided to inaugurate a special campaign to finish the fund, the campaign to cover the time from November 15 to February 1. It is hoped every graduate nurse and every pupil nurse in the country will make a contribution to this fund and that it may be completed. As soon as the sum of \$50,000 is reached, no more contributions will be asked for. The committee decided to abolish the scholarship committee and put its work in the hands of the executive committee, composed of five of its members; it also decided to grant scholarships hereafter only to graduates of American schools.

#### REPORT OF THE DELEGATE FROM THE AMERICAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION TO THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY, SALT LAKE CITY

The institute was called to order at the Hotel Utah on Monday morning, August 16. President Robert Ralston of Philadelphia made the opening address, in which he discussed the relation of criminal law to other branches of the law, and contended that criminal lawyers do not deserve the discredit that is sometimes cast upon them. Then followed the first of the reports from the twelve committees which were appointed at last year's convention. The report of Committee A, on employment and compensation of prisoners, was read by the chairman, Wm. E. Gemmill of Illinois. The conclusions reached were that all prisoners should be made to engage in work that should not only be lucrative but should fit them to earn a livelihood after their terms had expired, and that compensation should be given for this labor, the dependent family of the prisoner being the primary beneficiary, except in cases where another family has been made dependent through the criminal act of the prisoner, in which case such family should receive at least equal consideration with the family of the prisoner. A fund of at least

\$50 should be accumulated out of the earnings of every prisoner and paid to him, under the direction of a parole officer, upon his release. Farming and the building of public roads were commended as being suitable occupations for prisoners. The other reports scheduled for the morning session were laid over, and there was some discussion from the floor. One gentleman suggested that crime would be lessened by education in the home by public health nurses and other social service agents. In connection with judicial probation, it was suggested that trained nurses would make good probation officers.

At the beginning of the afternoon session, Quincey A. Meyers of Indiana, chairman of the committee which was appointed last year to draw up a "Criminal Procedure Act," reported progress, but as the matter was yet incomplete it was deemed advisable to recommit it to the committee to report at the next session of the convention. Edward Lindsay of Pennsylvania submitted the report of the committee on indeterminate sentence, release on parole and pardon. In submitting the report Mr. Lindsay stated that one of the worst features in connection with paroled convicts is public opinion which refuses to sanction the acts of a prison board. He advised that the paroled convict be given a position in connection with his former duties or that he be permitted to go from the state and seek other lines of employment so long as he reported to the parole authority. He summarized the provisions of statutes relating to parole and pardon in the various states where indeterminate sentence laws have been adopted, and mentioned some states which have put into operation systems of release on parole, without adopting the indeterminate sentence law. Other states, again, simply practice the parole and pardon of prisoners through their executives, without having had any legislation on the subject. In the absence of Grace Abbott of Chicago, chairman of the committee on crime and immigration, A. M. Abbott, secretary of the Institute, read her report. Her paper showed at the outset that the immigrant is not responsible for a disproportionate amount of crime and emphasized the fact that under our present system, innocent foreigners are often accused of crime on account of prejudice. She offered the following recommendations, which were adopted by the convention: 1. That court records in criminal cases include race, birthplace and birthplace of parents in order that reliable information in regard to the relation of immigration to crime may be available. 2. That such criminal statistics as are available be used in determining what adjustment of our social and educational institutions should be made to reduce the temptation in the various national groups to commit crime. 3. That competent interpreters paid by the city and appointed by civil service examination should be provided in all criminal cases, in which non-English speaking immigrants are concerned. 4. That the modification of the present system of imprisoning those who are unable to pay the fines imposed on them by an extension of the probation system will be especially productive of good results among immigrants inasmuch as their offenses are frequently the result of ignorance or the difficulty of adjusting old standards to their new environment. 5. That because of his peculiar helplessness, a public defender is especially needed for the non-English speaking immigrant who is accused of crime. There was a majority report and a minority report by the committee on sterilization of criminals. The majority report was offered by Joel D. Hunter of Illinois. He summarized the laws regarding sterilization which have been recently introduced in the legislatures of six states; Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Washington. These laws are variously eugenic, therapeutic and

punitive in intent. The committee found the present legal situation unsatisfactory alike to the advocates and the opponents of sterilization, because in ten of the twelve states authorizing sterilization the law is not operative or not enforced. The majority report suggested that a research be made by a scientific body to secure all possible information concerning the results of sterilization and that no further laws should be passed authorizing the sterilization of criminals as a eugenic or therapeutic measure until there is greater unanimity of opinion that criminality is heritable and that sterilization has definite therapeutic value that cannot be produced otherwise. Wm. T. Belfield of Massachusetts submitted the minority report on sterilization of criminals, in which he questioned the conclusions reached by the majority, namely that the effects of sterilization have not been sufficiently studied and that there is great doubt about the heritability of criminal traits, and suggested "that a measure designed to check the ominous flooding of the nation with irresponsibles by irresponsibles; a measure which has secured within six years legislative enactment in twelve states, a measure whose constitutionality has been affirmed by one of the two state supreme courts that have passed upon it, is worthy of attentive consideration and virile treatment by the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology." Other reports submitted to the institute were Coöperation with Other Organizations, by W. O. Hart, of Louisiana; Translation of European Treatises on Criminal Science, by John H. Wigmore of Illinois; Criminal Statistics, by John C. Ruppenthal of Kansas; State Societies and New Membership, by Harry V. Osborne of New Jersey; Promotion of Institute Measures, by Frederic B. Crossley of Illinois; and Publications, by Robert H. Gault of Illinois. As none of the chairmen were present with the exception of Mr. Hart, who reported progress, the reports were laid over until next year for study and action.

The evening session was occupied by the annual address and the election of officers. The address was delivered by Hampton L. Carson, former attorney general of Pennsylvania and one of the leading criminal lawyers of the country. It dealt with the development of English criminal law as displayed in the Anglo-Saxon law, and was a most enlightening research into the fountain-head of criminal jurisprudence.

The officers elected were as follows: Ira E. Robinson, presiding judge of the West Virginia supreme court of appeals, president; Hampton L. Carson of Pennsylvania, first vice-president; Dr. H. C. Stevens of the University of Chicago, second vice-president; Simeon E. Baldwin, justice of the superior court of errors of Connecticut, third vice-president; Thomas Mott Osborne, warden of Ossining prison, New York, fourth vice-president; B. Winthrop of New York, treasurer; and M. Abbott of Pennsylvania, secretary. The executive committee for the coming year consists of the officers of the institute together with Judge Robert Ralston, whose term as president expired; Robert J. Sterret, of Philadelphia; William M. Gemmill of Illinois; Dr. H. E. Goddard of New Jersey; Dr. W. A. White, superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane at Washington; and Dr. Catherine B. Davis of New York, who is a social worker on the east side of New York. Members asserted that this was one of the most representative sessions that has been held by the institute in many years.

ELIZABETH SHELLABARGER.

## REPORT OF THE NURSES' RELIEF FUND, OCTOBER, 1915

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*Treasurer.*

### THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF NURSING EDUCATION

REPORT OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION, held in San Francisco, California, June 21-25, 1915.—The full report of the 1915 meetings of the League is at present in press, and will be available for distribution very soon. All members of the National League will receive a copy, and so long as the supply holds out, anyone who wishes may order copies at a cost of \$1.

The following is a short summary of the main papers and addresses presented with a general drift of the important discussions. The meetings in which the three national organizations united have been already reported in the JOURNAL, with the opening addresses of the various presidents, and since several of the papers from the League are to be published in full, later, they will be very briefly mentioned here.

The League opened on Monday morning with a business session, Miss Noyes, the president, in the chair. The reports of the various committees took up the whole morning. That of the Committee of the Department of Nursing and Health presented a number of points of interest regarding new courses, scholarships, and placement of graduates, which have already appeared in the JOURNAL. One point of special significance is the increasing request for school nurses, which is being met by a special grouping of courses leading to school nursing. The director of the department feels that the next step should be the establishment of a training school directly connected with the University, which would serve as an observation and practice field for the graduate students who come to Teachers College as well as a professional school for the training of nurses. The discussion which followed emphasized the need of special courses for laboratory assistants and nurse anaesthetists, there being at present no adequate facilities for training in these branches. The reports of three committees, the Collegiate, Vocational Guidance, and Publicity Committees, all dealt with the same general subject of public education on the subject of nursing though the work accomplished had been done in different fields. The Collegiate Committee reported a very extensive campaign among the colleges throughout the whole country; a great many talks had been given on Nursing as a Profession and articles had been contributed to college magazines. The Publicity Committee had concentrated more on women's clubs and the general public, while the Vocational Guidance Committee had dealt more specifically with high schools. The latter committee submitted a long report dealing with the investigation which had been made among the graduates of thirteen prominent training schools, with the object of getting some reliable data on the work, health, and salaries, of graduate

nurses, the effects of training on health, and the general attitude of nurses to their profession. The figures, which are much too long to give here, bring out a great many interesting things. First that the general standard of health among nurses will compare very favorably with conditions of health among any similar group of workers. The old tradition that the working life of the average nurse is ten years, is certainly not substantiated by the figures for these 500 or more nurses. Furthermore it seems to be evident from the testimony of these women that the training on the whole was not detrimental to health, but rather tends to improve health. They are practically unanimous in declaring that they have never regretted entering the profession and the advantages which they say are to be derived from the training and the work itself, would supply effective ammunition for many campaigns. They have many improvements to suggest as to training and much good advice to give to those who think of entering. On the whole, the impression one gets from the replies is that of a happy, healthy, enthusiastic body of workers. There is still more material to be culled from these questionnaires, and this will probably also find its way into the JOURNAL. These three committees all agree that sustained and intelligent effort is urgently needed to acquaint the public and the people whom we wish to attract into our schools with the facts about nursing. It would be well worth while for both local and state organizations to consult the full report of these committees for the methods of work which have been found most successful. Reports from the various other committees and from the State Leagues completed the morning session. There are now thirteen State Leagues affiliated with the national organization and all of them report considerable interest and activity. About 67 new individual members were elected into the association, making a total of over 500 members.

A paper by Miss Riddle on The Social Life of Student Nurses opened the next session. Nothing could show more conspicuously the new point of view which is coming into training schools regarding the need for recreation and normal enjoyment among student nurses. The "Newton Experiment" as described by Miss Riddle, is packed full of suggestions and even though it may not be immediately possible for all schools to employ a Physical and Social Director to initiate and carry out all these fascinating projects, it is possible for all to do something along these lines. The next paper was one on The Planning and Furnishing of Class Rooms, by Elsa Maurer. Miss Maurer lays down a few general principles regarding the number and kind of class rooms necessary in the average training school and the general furnishings needed to carry on the right kind of teaching work. She describes in some detail the planning and equipment of the class rooms in Bellevue Hospital, New York, noting the specially good points about arrangement, etc., and making some suggestions for improvements or adaptations of the plan. A full list of the equipment of these class rooms is appended to the paper in the report.

An open meeting of the League was held on Tuesday evening in Festival Hall, Miss Noyes presiding. Mr. Colvin Brown representing the Board of the Exposition, gave the delegates a very cordial greeting to the grounds of the Exposition, and presented a medal of commemoration, to which Miss Goodrich responded. Dr. Edwin R. Snyder, commissioner of Vocational and Industrial Education in California, then spoke on Vocational Education in its Relation to Nursing. He traced the development of our modern system of education up to the present time, showing the newer tendencies toward vocational education in elementary

schools, high schools, and universities. Dr. Snyder believed in economizing the effort of the pupil as far as possible, and making every part of his education tell on his future vocation. He was inclined to doubt the wisdom of insisting on the older cultural or routine subjects for those who would enter such professions as medicine and nursing, and he felt that in nursing as in teaching, there might be a tendency to raise the preliminary standards so high that the salaries of these highly trained women might prove prohibitive. He thought there was room for a lower grade of worker, who might work as an assistant to the trained nurse, at a lower wage. Dr. Downing of New York, who happened to be in the audience, was asked to speak and made a powerful plea for the maintenance of higher educational standards (full high school at least), with as broad a cultural basis as could be obtained for those who are to train as nurses. He also strongly opposed the suggestion of a lower grade of nurse, though he admitted that there might be room for a less highly trained kind of worker who might perform some of the duties now undertaken by nurses. Such a worker could never undertake the responsibilities of a nurse, however, and should not be called a nurse. Edna Rich of the State Normal School at Santa Barbara, California, outlined the facilities which were offered there to graduate nurses. These are mainly in the line of dietetics, and the subjects relating to it. There was not time to read the paper by Louise Powell on Existing Affiliations between Training Schools and Universities. This paper gives detailed information regarding the different types of affiliations now existing and the extent and kind of cooperation which is being worked out between training schools and universities. She shows the advantages to be derived from the right kind of affiliations, taking as an example the Nursing School at the University of Minnesota with which she is connected. The kind of affiliation where the school has no organic relation with the university and does not maintain university standards, has little to recommend it.

On Wednesday morning, June 23, the League met again to discuss problems of teaching. The first paper was by Harriet Gillette, entitled *How to Help Pupils to Study*. Starting out with the main proposition that pupil nurses often do not know how to study, and that this is one of the most important things a teacher can do for a class, Miss Gillette gives the main factors in study and then proceeds to show how each one can be mastered. The paper was most suggestive and practical. It was a very great privilege to meet Dr. Anne M. Nicholson of the State Department of Education, Sacramento, and to hear her excellent paper on *What Constitutes Good Teaching*. As this is to be reprinted in the *JOURNAL*, it will be unnecessary to review it. Dr. Nicholson was followed by a very practical discussion on *The Teaching of Hospital Housekeeping to Pupil Nurses*, prepared by Miss Johnson and Miss Clark of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and read by Miss Hall. Since this is rather a new subject to occupy a distinct place in the nurse's curriculum, it is very interesting to know just what body of theory is included under the title and how the practical work is arranged and supervised. This subject comes into the preliminary course in the Brigham Hospital but the system applies all through the training. The main emphasis was placed on the following points: (1) During the preliminary course, teach the necessity of cleanliness and order. (2) Have a standard equipment for every ward. (3) Take an inventory of this standard at stated intervals. (4) Have each person's work definitely understood. (5) Place responsibility. (6) Be sure the supervisor knows who is responsible for every part of the equipment at all times. (7) Place the requirements of housekeeping high, never forgetting



that it is reached only by close and constant attention to the minutest detail. (8) Have frequent inspection by more than one person. (9) Most important of all, don't get discouraged.

Wednesday afternoon the Greek Theatre meeting was held, the American Hospital Association being invited as guests. The president of the International Congress, Miss Goodrich, presided, and gave the opening address. Greetings were read from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick of England and messages were sent from the Association to Mrs. Fenwick; to Miss Nutting; Miss Delano; Miss Wald; and Louisa Lee Schuyler, who helped to found the Bellevue Training School for Nurses. Mr. Chester Rowell, Commissioner of the State of California and Regent of the University, welcomed the three nursing organizations and their guests. Mr. Rowell showed an unusual appreciation of the problems of education which nurses are trying to solve and a real sympathy with their aims. He referred briefly to the question of the Eight-Hour Law in California, and felt that it marked the beginning of better things for nursing education as well as fairer conditions for pupil nurses. He paid a tribute to the services which nurses are rendering in lessening disease and misery at home and in helping to alleviate the horrors of war, "the one work in war that brings sweetness out of bitterness—the only work whose results are worth while." Sophia F. Palmer followed with a paper on The Power of the Professional Press. Passing in review the beginnings of the first newspapers and magazines, Miss Palmer took up the early development of medical education, and medical journals in this country, showing the relation of one to the other. She then drew a parallel in the relation of nursing journals to nursing education, showing how the power and influence of the professional press had helped to build up and strengthen our organizations. Miss Palmer then told the very significant history of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, from the first doubtful beginnings up to the present time. Miss Kent, representing the *British Journal of Nursing*, supported all Miss Palmer had said about the far-reaching influence of the nursing press in the hands of responsible professional leaders, also emphasizing its function as an international bond uniting nurses of all countries. Dr. Henry B. Favill of Chicago was next called upon to speak on What the Medical Profession Can Contribute to Nursing Education. There were so many good things in Dr. Favill's address that they cannot be condensed into a few words. He made it perfectly clear that he considered the training of the nurse an exceedingly important question, not only for nurses themselves, but for physicians and for the public as well. He felt that preliminary educational standards were important and knowledge was important, but that the point of view a nurse has is of very great importance. This social orientation enables her to know her relationship to the great human problems of life and to fulfill the peculiar obligations that are laid upon her because of her profession. These obligations are incumbent on nurses and physicians equally, because they deal so much with the moral and spiritual as well as the physical crises of life. For this they must have influence and the power of leadership. Dr. Favill puts great stress on the continuation of education after the training is over, otherwise the nurse is simply a skilled worker, and not a member of a profession. Physicians have made some contribution to nursing education, but not exactly the kind of contribution they ought to have made, largely because their own point of view was not right. He felt that the ablest men in the profession should take a much more active part than they had taken in the teaching of nurses. The time was too short to read Dr. Winford Smith's paper on The Educational

Function of the Hospital, but it is an important contribution that ought to be read by everyone. Dr. Smith takes a very decided stand on the educational obligations of the hospital, not only in relation to the community and to medical education, but to nursing education as well. He feels that this branch has not received the consideration to which it is entitled. Prominent authorities were quoted to prove the growing importance of the nurse in many lines of service and the great necessity for an adequate training to meet these demands. Dr. Smith insists that a nurse can no more be over-trained than a doctor can be over-trained. The hospital must be prepared to provide adequate facilities for this branch of its work and to put it on a strictly educational basis, with proper entrance standards and proper teaching. Economic considerations should not be allowed to control the attitude of the hospital to the pupil nurse. Music was an especially attractive feature of the Greek Theatre Session, and the whole setting made an indelible impression of dignity and beauty, which visitors to the convention can never forget.

The Thursday morning session dealt mainly with problems in Training School Administration. The first paper was by Lila Pickhardt of Pasadena, California, and dealt with Training School Records. The confusion and waste of time arising from poor methods of record keeping were discussed and some of the main advantages of careful record keeping emphasized. Methods used in various schools were outlined, modifications of the card system meeting with greatest favor. The writer of the paper explained her own method in detail. Several important points were brought out in the discussion by Sara E. Parsons and Amy M. Hilliard. Miss Jamme also explained the method in use in the California Bureau of Registration of Nurses which she felt had been a great aid in standardizing the system of nursing education in that state. The Eight-Hour Law for Pupil Nurses in California was the subject of a paper by Mrs. H. W. Pahl of Los Angeles. Mrs. Pahl had been one of the earlier opponents of the eight-hour law, but when it was passed she started in to see what could be done to make it work smoothly. In spite of the added expense in running the hospital (which the patients are obliged to meet) Mrs. Pahl feels that there are many benefits to be derived from the new system. The nurses are in better health and happier, there is more time for class work and study and a better type of woman is attracted into the school. There are several things still to be adjusted, but on the whole she feels that it has been a step in the right direction. Effie Taylor of Baltimore, in discussing the paper, brought out additional evidence on the necessity for shorter hours, but deplored the tendency to regulate such conditions by labor laws. Hospitals must make this unnecessary by taking the initiative themselves. Mrs. Edson, a member of the California State Industrial Commission, threw some very interesting light on the controversy in California by telling just how it had all come about. Mrs. Edson is a member of the State Bureau of Labor, by whom (not by the labor unions), the original bill affecting hours of work for women, was drafted. Complaints about the exploitation of pupil nurses were so incessant that finally, on due investigation, it was decided to extend the protection of the law to pupil nurses. Then came all the long struggle to upset this decision, which was finally upheld by the Supreme Court. The discussion which followed brought out many points of interest, the consensus of opinion being that the net results of the eight-hour law were good, but no law of the kind should be applied to an educational institution. It remains with the hospitals in other states to make such legislation unnecessary. Miss Whitney,

representing the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage presented the question of the Susan B. Anthony Amendment, for which she asked the support of the League. This suggested amendment to the Federal Constitution would make suffrage a national instead of a state issue.

On Friday morning, after several matters of business were attended to, a paper on Self Government, by Carolyn Gray of New York, was presented. Miss Gray outlined some of the new conditions which are to be met by nurses today and then asked the question whether we can best prepare the nurse to meet these conditions by the older system of discipline, which we call "military," or by a form of self-government. In order to know just how this system works, data had been collected from many schools where it is in use. The testimony is interesting, and points to many advantages to be derived from an active participation of students in the making of the laws which govern them, and the enforcing of them. Some doubtful results are reported, and some failures. There seems a tendency in nursing schools to try out some features of self-government, but the peculiar conditions under which nurses work, make the problem a difficult one. Miss Gray thinks the experiment well worth trying, in view of the resulting development in the pupil's character, which comes from even a slight measure of self-government. The discussion dealt mainly with the problems of discipline as they concern post-graduate and affiliating students,—Miss Noyes and Miss Cadmus both giving excellent suggestions. Miss Maxwell, Miss Parsons, Miss Jammé, and others, spoke of their experiences with a modified system of self-government. The League then adjourned to meet in New Orleans in 1916.

#### AMERICAN RED CROSS

Notice is hereby given that the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the American National Red Cross will be held on December 8, 1915, at "Rauscher's," 1034 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C. The Central Committee will meet at 9.30 a.m. and the General Board at 10.30 a.m.

C. S. MAGEE, *Secretary*.

#### ARMY NURSE CORPS

APPOINTMENTS.—Loie L. Compton, graduate of Woman's Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.; Marion A. Himes, Memorial Hospital, Worcester, Mass.; assigned to duty at the Walter Reed General Hospital, Takoma Park, D. C.

TRANSFERS.—To the Walter Reed General Hospital, Takoma Park, D. C.: Bessie S. Bell, assigned to duty as Chief Nurse. To Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California: Ella Kirkpatrick, Rose Pegler, Edna M. Rockafellow, Bessie P. Seger. To Department Hospital, Honolulu, Hawaiian Territory: M. Estelle Hine, with assignment to duty as Chief Nurse. To Department Hospital, Manila, Philippine Islands: Carolyn Milligan. To Post Hospital, Fort Wm. McKinley, Rizal, Philippine Islands: Clara G. Calderwood.

DISCHARGE.—Auber M. Kepler.

DORA E. THOMPSON,  
*Superintendent, Army Nurse Corps.*

#### ALABAMA

The bill for state registration, which was approved on August 6, 1915, reads as follows:

## AN ACT

## To Provide for State Registration of Nurses

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Alabama, That a board to be known as the Board of Nurses Examiners for the state of Alabama, is hereby created to consist of five members who shall be appointed by the Governor three of whom shall be graduate nurses and two of whom shall be physicians.*

SECTION 2. *That within ninety days after the passage of this act the Alabama State Association of Graduate Nurses shall, through its executive committee, submit to the Governor a list containing the names of four licensed physicians of good standing in their profession together with the names of six nurses each of whom shall have graduated from a training school connected with a general or private hospital requiring not less than two years training and who shall have been engaged in nursing for not less than five years after graduation, and the Governor shall appoint the members of the board from said list.*

SECTION 3. *That each member of said board shall serve for a term of three years, and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified; except in the case of the first board, whose members shall hold office as follows: One nurse shall be appointed to hold office for one year, one nurse and one physician for two years, one nurse and one physician for three years. An unexpired term of any member of the board, caused by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by the Governor in the same manner as the original appointment is made.*

SECTION 4. *That the members of said board shall, as soon as organized and annually thereafter in the month of October, elect from their number a president and a secretary-treasurer. Three members of this board shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings of said board shall be called by the secretary-treasurer upon the written request of any two members. It shall adopt a seal which shall include the words "Nurses Board of Examination and Registration of Alabama" and the imprint shall be placed on all certificates and warrants issued by it. Said board shall be authorized to make such rules as may be necessary to govern its proceedings, and to carry into effect the purpose of this act. The secretary-treasurer shall keep a record of all meetings of the board and an official register of all applicants for registration under the provisions of this act. Said register to show the name, age, nativity, place of residence and photograph of each applicant, said register shall also show whether said applicant was examined, registered or rejected under this act, and said register shall be prima facie evidence of all matters therein contained and shall be open at all reasonable times to public inspection.*

SECTION 5. *That members of said board shall receive five dollars per day and the actual necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, and the secretary-treasurer shall receive an additional salary to be fixed by the board not to exceed one hundred dollars per year, said expenses and salaries shall be paid from the fees received by the board under the provisions of this act, and no part of salaries and other expenses of the board shall be paid out of the state treasury. All money received in excess of said allowance and other expenses provided for, shall be held by the secretary-treasurer for meeting the expenses of the board and the cost of annual reports of the board.*

SECTION 6. *That after October 1, 1916, it shall be the duty of said board to meet at least once in every year and at such other times as the board may deem expedient for the purpose of holding examinations. Notice of such meetings*

shall be given in the public press, in at least one nursing journal, and by mail to every applicant, and to every training school in Alabama, at least thirty days prior to the meeting.

SECTION 7. That any person desiring to obtain a certificate of registration under this act shall make application in writing, first paying to the secretary-treasurer an examination fee of five dollars and shall present himself or herself at such regular meeting for examination of applicants. Said board being satisfied that said applicant is of the age of twenty-one years, of good moral character, has received the equivalent of a grammar school education and has graduated from a training school connected with a general hospital or sanitarium, where not less than three years consecutive training with a systematic course of instruction is given in the hospital or sanitarium or has graduated from a training school in connection with a hospital of good standing supplying a systematic three years' training corresponding with the above standards which training may be obtained in one or two affiliated hospitals, shall proceed to examine said applicants in elementary anatomy, physiology, bacteriology and materia medica, in medical, surgical, obstetrical and practical nursing, in dietetics and hygiene. Said board shall, upon said applicant passing said examination to its satisfaction, cause the name of the applicant to be entered upon the register kept for that purpose, and shall cause to be issued to said applicant a certificate of registration authorizing him or her to practice the profession of nursing as a registered nurse. Registered nurses from other states may be accepted without examination, upon furnishing satisfactory evidence to the board of examiners that they possess the above qualifications embodied in this act and upon payment of registration fee. Provided, however, that all graduates of the Bryce Hospital Training School for Nurses, situated at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, shall be entitled to examination and registration under the provisions of this act.

SECTION 8. That all nurses graduating before October 1, 1917, be permitted to register without examination upon payment of registration fee. Nurses who are graduates of training schools connected with a general hospital or sanitarium giving two years training and in which in other respects proper standards are maintained and who are engaged in professional nursing at the date of the passage of this act or have been engaged in nursing five years after graduation prior to the passage of this act and also those who are in training at the time of the passage of this act, and shall graduate hereafter shall be entitled to registration without examination provided such application be made before October 1, 1916. Provided, also, that all graduates of the Bryce Hospital Training School for Nurses, situated at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, shall be entitled to registration under the provisions of this section upon furnishing satisfactory proof of their graduation from said school.

SECTION 9. It shall be unlawful after October 1, 1916, for any person to practice professional nursing as a registered nurse without a certificate in this state. A nurse who has received his or her certificate according to the provisions of this act shall be styled and known as "Registered Nurse." No other person shall assume the title "Registered Nurse" or any other letters or figures to indicate he or she is a registered nurse. Provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to graduates of the Bryce Hospital Training School for Nurses, situated at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, who can furnish satisfactory proof of graduation from said school.

SECTION 10. That this act shall not be construed to affect or apply to gratui-

tous nursing of the sick by friends or members of the family, nor shall it apply to any person nursing the sick for hire, but who does not in any way assume the title of "Registered Nurse" or "R.N."

SECTION 11. That the board of examiners shall have the power to revoke any certificate of registration for incompetency, dishonesty, intemperance, immorality or unprofessional conduct after a full and fair investigation of the charges preferred against the accused. Thirty days prior to such hearing a copy of the charges (which charges must be specified in writing and under oath), shall be furnished to the accused, who shall at the same time be furnished with written notice of the time and place where such charges will be heard and determined. At such hearing all witnesses shall be sworn, either by the president or secretary-treasurer and the accused shall be entitled to be heard and represented by counsel. No revocation shall be made except upon a majority vote of the full board and upon the revocation of any certificate the same shall be null and void and the secretary-treasurer of the board shall strike the name of the holder thereof from the roll of registered nurses.

SECTION 12. That any person violating any of the provisions of this act or who shall wilfully make any false representation to the board of examiners in applying for a certificate shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars and not more than five hundred dollars.

SECTION 13. That the words "general hospital" as used in this act shall mean a hospital that maintains twenty or more beds for the sick and where general medicine, general surgery and obstetrics is practiced.

SECTION 14. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 15. That this act shall take effect sixty days after its passage.

THE ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE NURSES held its second annual meeting in Montgomery, at the Exchange Hotel, on October 5. After the meeting had been called to order by the president, Miss Denny, twenty delegates responded to the roll call. The total membership of the association is 255: Mobile, 110; Montgomery, 40; Birmingham, 105. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and accepted. Margaret Hutton read a very interesting report from the Legislative Committee in regard to the bill for state registration. A vote of thanks was given J. W. Green, physicians and others who had worked in behalf of the bill. Reports from the graduate nurses' associations were given as follows: Mobile, DeWitt Dillard; Montgomery, Susan Fitzpatrick; Birmingham, Helen McLean. The amendments to the constitution were read and adopted. A Committee on Resolutions was appointed, DeWitt Dillard, chairman. Ten names of candidates for the Examining Board were chosen, to be submitted to the Governor. The Nominating Committee presented its report.

At noon, the members were the guests of the Montgomery Association at a luncheon given at the Exchange Hotel, where short talks were given by five doctors. Miss Hutton presided at the afternoon session. The house discussed a motion made by Helen McLean that the suggested course of instruction for training schools for nurses, recommended by the Executive Board, be accepted by the Association as a model and that the Executive Board be requested to present this course of instruction to the State Board of Examiners for their approval and ask them to adopt the same to be used in the training schools in the state. After some objections the motion was carried. The report of tellers was read, and the

following officers elected: president, Margaret Hutton, Montgomery; vice-presidents, Katherine Canty, Birmingham, DeWitt Dillard, Mobile; recording secretary, Helen McLean, Birmingham; corresponding secretary, Henrietta Sanford, Montgomery; treasurer, Bertha Thompson, Birmingham; members, Annis E. Stay and Mary Denman, Birmingham; trustee for three years, Katherine Moulis, Birmingham. The other three members were nominated from the floor and voted on by ballot: Linna H. Denny, Birmingham; Lamoyne Phares, Mobile; Mrs. Belle Hope, Montgomery. The trustees already in office are: For one year, Laura Jones; for two years, Mrs. E. M. Hartsock. The trustees who act as Advisory Board are: Dr. Cabot Lull, Birmingham; Sterling Wood, Birmingham; Rev. W. N. Claybrook, Birmingham. Helen McLean gave a report as delegate from the Birmingham Graduate Nurses' Association to the International Congress of Nurses in San Francisco. Mrs. E. M. Hartsock, of Birmingham, read the Lee Bill and the amendment to the bill offered by the Graduate Nurses' Association of Birmingham. She mentioned the delegation of nurses who went to see the Governor to make a protest against the bill. After a lengthy discussion, the amendment of the Birmingham Graduate Nurses' Association was approved and a protest was made by the State Association against the Bill, to be sent to the American Nurses' Association, to go on record.

The following communications were read: An invitation to attend the Southern Tuberculosis Conference at Columbia, South Carolina, October 8 and 9; a letter from the managing editor, Annie M. Brainard, of the *Public Health Nurse Quarterly*, explaining the need of public health nurses on public health nursing staffs in the public health centers in the United States. The meeting adjourned for an automobile ride about the city and a visit to the hospitals.

The evening session was called to order by the second vice-president, Lamoyne Phares, owing to her having to leave on an early train, the president, Linna Denny, took the chair. The invocation was by Dr. R. H. McCaslin. An eloquent address was given by John S. Tilly who represented Hon. W. A. Gunter, Mayor of Montgomery. Margaret Hutton, of Montgomery, gave the address of welcome. Dr. R. S. Hill, of Montgomery, gave a most interesting and eloquent address. He urged the nurses to make their organization great by standing for great things. Invitations to meet in Mobile and in Birmingham in 1916 were given; that to Mobile was accepted. Resolutions were adopted thanking J. W. Green of Dallas, for his efforts in behalf of the bill for registration, to the Montgomery Association and all others who had helped entertain the Association and of regret at the death of Sister Regina of the City Hospital, Mobile. Mrs. Thomas M. Owens spoke briefly on the movement to have established a chair of rural nursing at Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee. It was decided that the Association support this movement in any way possible. Margaret Patterson interested everybody with a brief outline of her experience as a Red Cross Nurse in a military hospital in France. Linna H. Denny gave the president's address. Miss Creah, Superintendent of Nurses, Bryce Hospital, Tuscaloosa, read a paper on What is Required of the Nurses, and the work done by them in the State Hospital for the Insane. Dr. J. N. Baker delivered an address on The Trained Nurse, Past, Present and Future. The meeting adjourned to meet in Mobile in October, 1916.

A measure which passed the State Legislature recently and which the nurses of the state sought in vain to modify, reads as follows:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit white female nurses from nursing or

being employed in nursing in wards or rooms in hospitals either private or public, in which negro men are placed for treatment, or to be nursed, and to provide the punishment for a violation thereof.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of Alabama:*

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation to require any white female nurse to nurse in wards or rooms in hospitals, either public or private, in which negro men are placed for treatment or to be nursed.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any white female nurse to nurse in wards or rooms in hospitals, either public or private, in which negro men are placed for treatment or to be nursed.

SECTION 3. Upon conviction for a violation of either of the foregoing sections, the court shall assess a fine of not less than one nor more than two hundred dollars, and it may also, as an additional punishment, sentence such person, upon conviction, to confinement in the county jail, or to hard labor for the county for a term of not exceeding six months.

#### CALIFORNIA

THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH held the third examination of nurses on October 12-13, in the amphitheatre of the University of California Medical School, in San Francisco. 140 nurses were present to take the examination.

An arrangement was made between the State Board of Health and the State Civil Service Commission whereby nurses who passed the examination for registration would be eligible for state civil service positions without further written examination, after taking the oral examination. This provides a civil service list which is available for all state positions in state institutions in California.

#### CANADA

Toronto.—WELLESLEY HOSPITAL TRAINING SCHOOL held graduating exercises for its first class of nurses on October 15, in the reception rooms of the hospital. There were ten nurses in the class. The diplomas and hospital pins were presented by Lady Hendrie. Two scholarships of fifty dollars each were given in the senior, intermediate and junior years. A reception was held after the exercises. An alumnae was formed of the graduates with Elisabeth G. Flaws as honorary president; Laurie K. Stinson, president, and Anna Stedham, secretary-treasurer.

#### COLORADO

THE COLORADO STATE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS will hold an examination for the registration of nurses according to the law, at the Capitol Building, Denver, December 28 and 29. For further information, address Louise Perrin, secretary, Capitol Building, Denver.

Denver.—THE MERCY HOSPITAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION held a meeting of special interest in the lecture room of the hospital on September 6. Officers were elected as follows: president, Elizabeth Gray; vice-president, Lottie Jordan; secretary, Cecelia Gussenhoven; treasurer, Cecile Young. The members discussed the importance of remodeling their dressing room in the Nurses' Home and means of meeting the required expense of this and of furnishing a room in the hospital for sick nurses. A Halloween benefit dance was unanimously decided upon. This dance was given on October 30 in the ball room at the Nurses' Home, which was appropriately decorated. The affair was a success, both socially and financially, \$130 being made, clear of expense.



## CONNECTICUT

**New Haven.**—THE CONNECTICUT TRAINING SCHOOL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION held its regular meeting with all officers present and a goodly attendance. After routine business, Dr. Comfort gave a sketch of the beginning and the work of the dispensary which, although free to the poor of the city, belongs to the medical branch of Yale University. During October Miss Stannard completed her tenth year as matron of the Nurses' Home. She was the recipient of many congratulations and good wishes. Miss Coonan, a former secretary of the Association, who has been a navy nurse for four years, is taking graduate work at Johns Hopkins, preparatory to taking a position as teacher of obstetrical nursing in the University of California, San Francisco.

## DELAWARE

THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED NURSES will hold an examination at the Homeopathic Hospital, Wilmington, on Monday, December 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All nurses wishing to take the examination will please attend.

AMY G. ALLEN, *Secretary*,  
623 Broome Street, Wilmington.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Washington.**—THE ALUMNAE OF THE GARFIELD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL held a reunion at the Registered Nurses' Club on the afternoon of October 16, which was well attended, in spite of the rainy weather. A dainty collation was served.

THE GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION held its first annual meeting at the Nurses' Club House on November 1, Lily Kanely presiding. This was the first meeting held under the new constitution and by-laws. The directors are arranging an interesting course of lectures for the winter.

## ILLINOIS

THE ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF NURSES EXAMINERS will meet in Chicago, January 11 and 12, 1916, for the purpose of conducting an examination for the registration of nurses. Applications must be filed not later than January 1, 1916. Blanks and information may be procured by addressing the secretary,

ANNA L. TITTMAN, R.N.,  
Capitol Building, Springfield, Ill.

**Springfield.**—THE GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION held its October meeting at the Lincoln Library, on the 30th, in conjunction with the Springfield Alumnae Association and the Central Directory Board, with a large attendance. Many important affairs were attended to. The two new members of the Central Directory Board are: Alice E. Dalbey, reëlected, and Kate W. Reid. An increase in salary of \$10 a month was given the registrar, Mrs. Hudson, and it was given gratefully, as the members feel that few persons could fill the position so satisfactorily. The new Nurses' Home of the Springfield Hospital is now ready for occupancy. It will accommodate forty nurses.

**Peoria.**—DISTRICT NUMBER 7 OF THE ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION held a regular meeting at Peoria on November 5, when Miss Wheeler of the Illinois Training School spoke on Nursing Ethics.

**Chicago.**—ALMA FORESTER, class of 1910, Presbyterian Hospital, has returned from Kiev, Russia, after a year of Red Cross service among the Russian soldiers in one of the base hospitals. Cora V. Johnson, class of 1907, Gertrude Hard, class of 1914, and Sarah Hibbert, class of 1911, who went to Kiev with the second contingent, are returning to this country by way of Siberia, China and Japan. Mrs. Estelle Koch, class of 1914, formerly third assistant superintendent of nurses at the hospital, has accepted the position of directress of nurses at the new Christian Church Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Alice Bowen, class of 1909, has accepted the position of instructor on Floors B and C. Evelyn Smith, class of 1911, and Mariette Dean, class of 1912, are engaged in Infant Welfare Work. Anna Weum, class of 1914, is employed by the Visiting Nurse Association. Hilda Stickley, class of 1915, is now head nurse in the Maternity Department. Catherine Busby, class of 1912, is supervisor on the third floor. Agnes Sprick has resigned her position to take up private nursing.

### IOWA

**Des Moines.**—THE IOWA STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS was recently organized with Dr. W. W. Pearson as president and Walter F. Clowes, executive secretary, with headquarters at 410 Century Building. The Tuberculosis Dispensary will hold clinics twice each week, Thursday and Saturday afternoons, from one to two o'clock. Dr. John H. Peck has offered his services. The clinics will be held at the headquarters of the Visiting Nurses' Association, 410 Century Building.

THE DES MOINES REGISTERED NURSES' ASSOCIATION held a meeting on October 6. After the business for the afternoon was transacted, Jane Shirley, overseer for the Poor, and Dr. Saylor, City Physician, gave talks on What Nurses Can Do to Improve Sanitary Conditions. At the meeting held on November 3, Laura Chennell, chairman for the afternoon, read a paper prepared by Martha Vietch, on The Rights Accorded by Franchise. Mrs. Edworthy followed with a talk on Woman Suffrage. The Association went on record as in favor of equal suffrage.

THE VISITING NURSES' ASSOCIATION is to have a Ford car due to the kindness of a public-spirited citizen. He will provide the garage and the gasoline for same.

JULIA MURPHY, class 1913, Mercy Hospital, has accepted a position in the hospital at Lydia, Colorado.

**Cedar Rapids.**—BLANCHE KACENA, class of 1912, St. Luke's Hospital, is studying at Columbia University, New York.

**Oskaloosa.**—MRS. ETTA DAVIS will make her home in Nashville, Tennessee, and will take special work at Peabody College.

LETITIA BRUNA succeeds Margaret Snodgrass as superintendent of Mercy Hospital Training School.

PEARL EVANS, recent superintendent of the Oskaloosa Hospital Training School, has resigned her position as assistant superintendent at St. Luke's, Chicago, and will rest at her home in Galesburg, Illinois, before taking up fresh work.

**Washington.**—A NURSES' REGISTRY has been established with Elizabeth Findley in charge.

### KANSAS

THE KANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF NURSES held its fourth annual meeting in the auditorium of the City Hall, Kansas City, Kansas, October 5 and 6. Many

interesting papers were given by physicians and nurses, including one by Dr. Lydia A. DeVilbiss, chairman of the Kansas section of child hygiene, following which a public health section was formed, Laura A. Neiwaner of Topeka being made chairman. The nurses of the city entertained the members with an automobile ride, reception and luncheon. The invitation to hold the 1916 meeting at Topeka was accepted. The following officers were elected: president, Charline Zeller; vice-president, Sister Catherine Voth; treasurer, Elva McElwain; secretary, Alma J. Murphy.

THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EXAMINATION AND REGISTRATION OF NURSES will hold its next meeting for examinations at Newton, Kansas, December 28, 29, in the Commercial Club rooms.

MAYME M. CONKLIN, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

#### KENTUCKY

Louisville.—THE JEWISH HOSPITAL held its graduating exercises, October 7, at the Young Men's Hebrew Association Building, and five nurses received diplomas.

THE JEFFERSON COUNTY GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION has enlarged its club house and can now accommodate twenty-two nurses. Rose Golden of Michigan, has accepted the position of superintendent of nurses at the City Hospital. Miss Woodruff, graduate of the Jewish Hospital, has been appointed superintendent of the Deaconess' Hospital.

#### MAINE

Bangor.—THE EASTERN MAINE GENERAL HOSPITAL will receive \$100,000 by the will of the late Col. Luther H. Pierce.

#### MARYLAND

THE MARYLAND STATE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE NURSES held its fall meeting on the evening of November 11, at the Church Home and Infirmary. Minutes and reports were read. The program was a most interesting one. Effie J. Taylor, delegate to the American Nurses' Association, read a most complete report of the meetings and various committees, their work and aims. Her paper gave an excellent idea of the proceedings. Dora E. Thompson, superintendent of the Army Nurses Corps, gave a delightful history of the organization of the Corps. The type of women entering the field is one of the finest and the requirements are high, as the best possible work is expected from them. Refreshments ended a most helpful and enjoyable evening.

Baltimore.—THE LEAGUE OF NURSING EDUCATION held a special meeting on October 27 for the purpose of discussing the question of adding a clause on compulsory registration to the state bill. The discussion and recommendations will be considered at the next meeting.

MARY TYREE, class of 1912, Hebrew Hospital, has resigned her position as head nurse at that hospital to take up private nursing. Hilda Pfefferkorn, class of 1912, has been appointed to a position at the Isabelle McCosh Infirmary, Princeton, New Jersey.

## MASSACHUSETTS

THE MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF NURSES will hold an examination for applicants for registration on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 11 and 12, 1916, at Boston, Massachusetts. Application for any examination must be filed at least five days before the examination date.

WALTER P. BOWERS, M.D., *Secretary*.

Boston.—THE MASSACHUSETTS HOMEOPATHIC HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNAE held its annual meeting at the Copley-Plaza on November 7, with a large attendance. Miss Hall, of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, told of the convention in San Francisco and also read interesting letters from nurses in the war zone. Mrs. Kelly spoke on Equal Suffrage. A pretty luncheon closed a successful meeting.

BEATRICE KENT, correspondent of the *British Journal of Nursing* and Annie Hulme, both of London, delegates to the International Council of Nurses in San Francisco last June, were guests of Miss Parsons at the Massachusetts General Hospital during part of November, while continuing their study of nursing and hospital conditions in Canada and the United States.

THE BOSTON DISPENSARY, on October 14, held its 119th annual meeting. The treasurer reported an increase of \$5000 in subscriptions over the previous year.

MABELLE S. WELSH, class of 1909, Boston City Hospital, has been appointed superintendent of nurses at the Greenfield Hospital, Greenfield. Miss Welsh left her position as night supervisor at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital last year, to serve as one of the Red Cross staff at Paignton, England, returning to her position in June. Melda F. Macdonald, class of 1912, Boston City Hospital, has been appointed a public health nurse in Lowell.

ANNA COTTAR DAVIE, class of 1914, has been appointed instructor of probationers. Frances E. Morley, class of 1893, has been added to the teaching staff. Charlotte Brown, class of 1897, former instructor of probationers, has accepted the position of superintendent of nurses at the New England Hospital for Women and Children.

THE PHYSICIANS AND NURSES OF THE INFANTS' HOSPITAL have agreed to give a series of lectures on the care of infants to members of mothers' clubs. While the mothers are attending the meetings, the children will be shown moving pictures in adjoining rooms.

DR. STELLA M. TAYLOR, at the fifty-third annual meeting of the directors of the New England Hospital for Women and Children, told of the continued use in the hospital of scopolamine and morphine in inducing "Twilight Sleep." The report showed a large increase in the maternity work.

THE THIRD HARVARD UNIT, which sailed from New York on November 16, comprised 36 nurses, 20 doctors and dentists. Dr. Cheever is in charge. The nurses will receive their uniforms in England. The Bostons Nurses' Club prepared for this Unit a large box of surgical supplies. Dr. Wilfred Grenfell will work with this Unit during his vacation.

AN IMPRESSIVE MEMORIAL SERVICE for Edith Cavell was held at the Church of the Advent, on October 30.

An organization called the Surgical Dressings Committee has started work in the Zander Ward of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. The office, workroom, storage and packing rooms are all in the ward. Here fifty different surgical dress-

ings are prepared for the small French hospitals. There are over 300 volunteers from Greater Boston who work in groups for several hours each day under the supervision of trained nurses, the work being inspected by the hospital surgeons. After sterilization, the dressings are packed for transportation in hermetically sealed tins. These are placed in wooden boxes, of a size and shape to be easily handled.

**Newton Lower Falls.**—MARY M. RIDDLE, superintendent of Newton Hospital, has been granted a leave of absence and will spend the winter in Boston, leaving Miss Allen in charge of the hospital. A trustee of the hospital has given \$50 to provide a box of comforts for the nurses of the Harvard Unit who remained for six months' service at Hospital 22.

**Springfield.**—HAMPDEN HOSPITAL held graduating exercises for ten nurses, its first class, on October 27, at the Academy of Medicine. The modified Hippocratic Oath was administered by the superintendent of nurses, Miss Pindell. Addresses were given by Dr. Philip Kilroy and by President Crocker, who presented the diplomas. A dinner was given to the class in the evening by Dr. Weiser.

**Worcester.**—THE COLLEGE WOMEN'S CLUB will, during the winter, make surgical supplies for Red Cross work in Europe, under the direction and supervision of Miss Makim, chairman of the county committee on Red Cross Nursing Service.

**Northampton.**—GRADUATES OF THE COOLEY-DICKINSON HOSPITAL met on the evening of October 28 to form an alumnae association. Mrs. Judith Roach Williams was chosen president; Helen Murphy, secretary. Mrs. Alice C. Cleland, superintendent of the hospital, has been appointed councilor for Hampshire County by the State Association.

**Tewksbury.**—THE STATE INFIRMARY TRAINING SCHOOL held commencement exercises in the chapel on September 28 for a class of twenty-six. There were nearly two hundred in the procession as it moved from the nurses' home to the chapel. Addresses were made by Dr. John H. Nichols and John B. Tivnan, chairman of the Board of Trustees. Madeleine L. Hartley gave the address of welcome, Hazel M. Daye delivered the valedictory, Bertha J. Robinson composed the class ode. The diplomas were presented by Mrs. Nellie M. Talbot and the pins by the superintendent of nurses, Laura E. McEachern. A reception and dance followed the exercises. The State Infirmary Alumnae Society attended the exercises and held their annual meeting at 6 p.m., when the following officers were elected: president, Etta Handley; vice-president, Mrs. Annie E. MacDonald; corresponding secretary, Christine Germain; recording secretary, Bessie Baillie; treasurer, Sarah Holdey.

## MICHIGAN

**Grand Rapids.**—ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION held its first meeting of the year on October 9, when the installation of officers took place. They are: president, Ida Reber; vice-president, Clara Foye; secretary, May Gerard, 1166 Jefferson Avenue; treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Anaway.

THE BUTTERWORTH HOSPITAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION members were the guests of Mrs. Van Keulen at her home on November 3, it being the ninth anniversary of the organization. Thirty members answered to the roll call. An interesting talk on Red Cross work in Belgium was given by Florence Fisher, class of 1908, who was for six months serving as a Red Cross nurse. A social hour followed.

**Detroit.**—THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF GRACE HOSPITAL held its first regular meeting since June on October 12, when the Programme Committee presented the following programme for 1915-16: October 12, Report of the delegate to the American Nurses' Association; November 9, Suffrage, Margaret Whittemore; December 14, What the Women's Clubs Are Doing in Detroit; January 11, Annual Meeting; February 8, Address by Frank Cody, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; March 14, Subject selected, Mrs. Ruby Zahn; April 11, European Life, Mrs. McKenzie Wood; May 9, Medical Inspection of Schools, Dr. Fred Blanchard; June 13, Annual picnic.

THE WAYNE COUNTY NURSES' ASSOCIATION held an adjourned meeting on October 12, at the City Tuberculosis Hospital where, after the business meeting, Dr. Victor V. C. Vaughan, Jr., gave one of his splendid lectures on tuberculosis, which are always enjoyed. In spite of other conflicting meetings, one hundred nurses were present. They were entertained, at the close of the lecture, by Miss Sullivan and her staff.

THE WAYNE COUNTY NURSES' ASSOCIATION held a special meeting on October 22, in the Wayne County Medical Building, to hear the report of the three national conventions in California from the delegate, Mrs. Gretter, which was given in a most interesting and entertaining manner. Mrs. Gretter brought out in detail the principal points of various papers given and made all present feel that the nursing profession is making wonderful strides for improvement along every possible line, and that those present must individually do their part to help solve some of the questions for progress and idealism. A social hour followed.

THE WAYNE COUNTY NURSES' ASSOCIATION held a regular meeting on November 5. After the regular business was taken care of, which included amendments to the by-laws, Dr. William H. Price of the Board of Health, gave a wonderfully interesting and instructive lecture on applied preventive measures used in Detroit against contagion and infant mortality. He used charts illustrating the actual scope of the field covered by the Board of Health and its corps of nurses, 62 in number, and demonstrated by statistics the steady decrease of all forms of contagion and typhoid; also the decided decrease in infant mortality due to prenatal care and correction of unsanitary conditions made possible by very definite observations, of conditions in and surrounding the homes, by the public health nurse.

THE FARRAND TRAINING SCHOOL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION held its regular meeting in the Swain Home, on October 12. Grace Gillies, delegate to the American Nurses' Association, gave an interesting report. Gertrude Barnes was appointed corresponding secretary, on the resignation of Clara Henze.

PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION held its regular meeting at the hospital on October 28. Zoe LaForge, superintendent of the Babies' Milk Fund organization, gave a very interesting talk on infant welfare after which a delightful luncheon was served. Louise Leyes, president of the Association, has been appointed by the Red Cross Town and Country Nursing Service to organize the rural district work at Monroe, Michigan. Isabelle Napper has accepted a position at the new Henry Ford Hospital. Grace Koons has accepted a position at the new Receiving Hospital. Anna Kaiser, who has held the position of industrial nurse with the Packard Motor Car Company, has resigned. She is succeeded by Edna I. Deverell of Grace Hospital and Catherine Miltner of Providence Hospital.

## MINNESOTA

THE GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA held its annual meeting in the rooms of the Women's Welfare League, St. Paul, on October 12. After routine business and election of officers interesting addresses on equal suffrage were given by Elsie Williams of St. Paul, and Mrs. Mackey, of Washington, D. C. The association voted to indorse the cause of equal suffrage. A dinner was served to the officers of the association, alumnae associations and superintendents of hospitals. At the evening session Dr. A. C. Rogers gave an address on How the State Takes Care of its Feeble-minded, and F. J. Bruno, secretary of the Associated Charities of Minneapolis, told of Opportunities for the Nurse in Social Service work. Both sessions were well attended; the president, Mrs. E. W. Stuhr, and the secretary-treasurer, Louise M. Powell, were reelected.

**Minneapolis.**—HELEN M. STOVER, on August 1, entered upon her duties as assistant superintendent of nurses at the Minneapolis City Hospital. For the past five years Miss Stover has been a member of the nursing staff of the University of Michigan Hospital, for three years as assistant superintendent.

## MISSISSIPPI

THE STATE NURSES' EXAMINING BOARD will hold examinations for the registration of nurses January 3-4, 1916, beginning at 9 a.m. at the State Capitol. For information address

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Greenville, Mississippi.

THE MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE NURSES held its fifth annual meeting in Jackson, October 29 and 30 and it proved to be the most enthusiastic as well as the best attended the Association has ever had. The first session, which was devoted to business, was begun at two o'clock Friday afternoon. After this meeting the nurses were taken for a tour of the city in automobiles, stops being made at places of interest. In the evening a meeting took place in the auditorium of the Public Library, presided over by Dr. Fox, of the Insane Hospital. Dr. Wall read a very interesting paper on How Infectious Diseases are Propagated; Dr. Womack one on The Nurse and The Infant; and Mrs. J. H. Fox gave a splendid address on The Visiting Nurse. At ten o'clock, Saturday morning, about fifty nurses again assembled in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol where the convention headquarters had been established. During this session the problems of the private duty nurse, and questions pertaining to registration of nurses were the subjects considered. Misses Lott of Hattiesburg, Cox of Natchez, and Mellow of Meridian, read well written papers on these subjects. Misses Kent of Jackson, and Russell of Greenwood, led the discussions.

The final session was held in the Senate Chamber at three o'clock Saturday afternoon, the subjects considered being the improvement of our training schools, and the need of public health nurses. Misses Trigg, Keating, and Steele read papers, and Miss Stamps led the discussion about how to better the schools. A paper out of the ordinary was read by Miss O'Mara of Hattiesburg on Duties and Opportunities of the Nurse in the College Infirmary. This paper and one read in the morning by Miss Cox, telling the nurse how she may help patients who are ill mentally, were very refreshing, and gave material for new lines of thought.

Officers elected were: president, Mary H. Trigg of Greenville; vice-presidents, Misses Steele, James, Russell, Sutton and Keating; secretary, Miss J. P. Cox of Natchez; treasurer, Miss J. L. O'Mara of Hattiesburg. The Association voted to affiliate with the State Federation of Women's Clubs, and delegates and alternates to the meeting to be held in McComb on November 16 were elected. Miss Steele was elected to the 1916 meeting of the American Nurses' Association to be held in New Orleans, with Miss Quinn as alternate. One of the very interesting events of the meeting was the presentation of a gavel for the Association. This gavel is made of wood from the walnut stairway of the Natchez Hospital and is the gift of the Adams County Nurses' Association of Natchez. It was presented fittingly by Miss Cox. The historic old Natchez Hospital was built for a marine hospital seventy-five years ago and is still in use. It was there, on June 7, 1911, that the State Nurses' Association was organized. A committee of five members was appointed at the Jackson meeting whose duty it will be to look after the interests of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING in the state. After a sumptuous banquet at the Episcopal Restaurant on the State Fair grounds, the nurses dispersed to return to their several homes feeling well repaid for the time spent at the meeting.

THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS held an important business meeting at the State Capitol on November 1. Miss Quinn was re-elected president of the Board and Miss Trigg secretary-treasurer. Misses Steele and Kent were also present, but Dr. Martin, the other member, could not attend. The Board is trying to prevail on the schools having a course of only two years not to send pupil nurses out on private duty, since the law requires "a two years' course of continuous training." It was decided to have some member of the Board visit every school in the state before the January meeting and talk to both pupils and officers about the requirements of the law.

### MISSOURI

THE MISSOURI STATE BOARD FOR EXAMINATION AND REGISTRATION OF NURSES will hold the sixth examination for examination of nurses in St. Louis, January 18 and 19, 1916; Kansas City, January 20 and 21, 1916. The Board will meet in executive session January 17 in St. Louis and on January 22 in Kansas City.

CHARLOTTE B. FORRESTER, R.N., *Secretary-treasurer.*

THE MISSOURI STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION held its tenth annual meeting at the American Annex, St. Louis, October 20-22. The meeting was well attended, delegates being present from Kansas City, St. Joseph, Springfield, Columbia, Joplin, Mexico, Kirksville, Hannibal, Moberly, Independence, etc.

The Mayor of St. Louis, Henry W. Kiel, gave a pleasing, enthusiastic address of welcome, which was responded to by Miss Forrester with her usual genial, characteristic humor. In her president's address, Miss Bryant gave a résumé of the work of the Association. Delegates gave interesting reports from the different organizations of the state. Social service, public health, central directories and industrial stations were reported by the nurses in charge. The State Board gave an interesting report of its work for the year. The present state law was discussed, and several amendments suggested. Mary C. Wheeler of Chicago gave good, helpful advice along this line. At the Private Duty Session, an interesting paper was delivered by Dr. M. T. Woodruff on Infectious Nursing in the Home, discussion on this paper was opened by Pearl Wilson. Other papers were Ethics and Adaptability, Emilia Schmidt, discussed by E. T. Galla-



gher; The Private Duty Nurse in the Home, E. A. Doran; Twelve Hour Duty in the Hospital, G. D. Lieurance. The discussion on these papers was long and spirited.

The Superintendents' Session in the evening, brought out many helpful suggestions, especially to the nurse engaged in teaching. The papers were: The Essentials of a School of Nursing, Mary C. Wheeler; The Curriculum and Methods of Teaching in Nurse Training Schools, H. Lillian Bridge, discussed by M. Anna Gillis; How Make Possible the Employment of a Resident Dietetian in the Hospital, Mary I. Bustard; How Interest the Nurse in Nurses' Organizations, Agnes Rutherford. The discussion on all these papers was quick, decisive and shot straight from the shoulder to weak points in our teaching.

The Public Health Session, the first held in Missouri, kept up the interest along that line. The papers were: Baby Welfare, Dr. Gustave Lippmann; Prophylaxis in the Care of Infants, Dora Burkhart; Infant Feeding, Mary Kapprell; The Rural Nurse, How She is Using Her Opportunities for Community Service, Fannie F. Clement; The Relation of the Public Health Nurse to the Public Health Campaign, Emma Habenicht. The discussion of these papers was none the less spirited than in the session preceding and resulted in the formation of a Public Health Section of the State Association. The State Association carries three sections now, Superintendents, Private Duty and Public Health.

The Red Cross Section, as always, called out a large audience, perhaps the largest of the convention, Miss Seelye presiding. Reports from the State Committee, as well as the several Local Committees of the state, were followed by greetings from our War-Service Nurses. Addresses were: The Organization and Purpose of a Local Red Cross Chapter, C. M. Hubbard; Red Cross Town and Country Nursing, Fannie F. Clement; The Red Cross Nurse and Her Relation to National Red Cross Societies, Julia C. Stimson. Dr. Frederick Haigler, Red Cross surgeon, recently returned from service in Serbia, gave a most interesting lecture of his experience there, illustrating it with pictures which he had taken.

The general closing session was held on Friday night, when announcements for the coming year were made, delegates appointed and the new officers introduced: president, Sallie J. Bryant; vice presidents, Mary Lee Baird, Anna Barr; secretary, E. A. Doran; treasurer, Janette Flanagan.

The "Get Together Dinner" on the first evening of the convention, given by the Graduate Nurses' Association of St. Louis to the visiting nurses, was a great success. It took the form of a Hallowe'en party. 117 covers were laid. At the close of the dinner all were asked to forget whether they were superintendents, public health nurses, private duty nurses, etc., and to enter into the spirit of the evening and have a good time.

The State and Red Cross Committees had a luncheon conference on October 21, Miss Seelye, State Chairman, presiding.

THE ST. LOUIS LEAGUE OF NURSING EDUCATION entertained the visiting superintendents at a dinner in the American Hotel, on Thursday evening just preceding the Superintendent's Session.

The next State meeting, October, 1916, will be held in Kansas City.

St. Louis.—THE ST. LOUIS LEAGUE OF NURSING EDUCATION held its annual meeting at the Jewish Hospital on October 28, Miss Gillis in the chair. The following officers were elected: president, M. A. Gillis; vice president, E. L. Warr; secretary-treasurer, Margaret Rogers; Chairman Membership Committee, H. L. Bridge; Visiting Committee, Mrs. Sada Housman.

THE ST. LOUIS GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION held its annual meeting in Schuyler Hall on October 18, when the following officers were elected: president, Lulu G. Bender; vice-presidents, Elsie Ruffer, Maria Brockman; recording secretary, Mrs. A. Spence Nagel; treasurer, Mary E. Stebbins; corresponding secretary, Janette C. Bond; auditor M. A. Gillis; Executive Board, Anna Love, Margaret McKinley; Directory Board, Margaret Rogers, E. L. Warr. The association has increased in membership 100 per cent the past year; meetings are held the third Monday of the month. Beginning with the meeting on November 15, at 8 o'clock, the meetings will alternate, every second one being held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Meetings will be of special interest and attraction this winter. They will take the form of socials, lectures, scientific and secular, discussions on nursing activities, etc.

ANNE MCCOLLOCH and Esther Cousley have returned home after a six months' service in Pau, France, under the Red Cross Nursing Service.

**Kansas City.**—THE KANSAS CITY GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION held its regular meeting on November 3 at the Club House. Twenty-five nurses from the city had attended the state meeting at St. Louis and several of these gave interesting reports. After adjournment, refreshments were served by the Superintendents' Association.

#### MONTANA

**Lewistown.**—RUE H. BAXTER, of Galesburg, Illinois, has taken the position of supervisor of school nurses.

#### NEBRASKA

THE NEBRASKA STATE ASSOCIATION OF NURSES held its annual meeting in Omaha, October 19 and 20, the sessions being well attended. In the absence of the president, Miss Louer, whose father had died but a few days before, Miss Ryley, vice-president, presided. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. N. H. Nelson of the Omaha Women's Club and Miss Louer's response was read by the secretary *pro tem*, Miss Dean. The business meeting followed, reports of the various committees being read. The following officers were elected: president, Amy Allison, superintendent of the Methodist Hospital, Omaha; vice-president, Mrs. Jennie Gillespie, assistant at the same hospital; secretary, Myrtle Dean, superintendent South Omaha Hospital; treasurer, Mrs. Bessie Ryan; director for two years, Jennie Higgins, Green Gables Sanitarium, Lincoln; director for one year, Gertrude Keating, Cottage Hospital, Nebraska City. Luncheon was then served at the Commercial Club.

At the afternoon session, Dr. T. D. Boler spoke on The Nurse in Contagious Diseases, appealing strongly to the nurses to aid the boards of health in the control of contagion. He also plead with the nurses not to register against contagious cases as so many do. Dr. D. T. Quigley followed with a very interesting talk on Uses of Radium. The report of the delegate to the National Convention Mary Swan, was read by Gertrude Smith, Miss Swan not being able to be present. Gertrude Keating then gave an excellent paper on the recently-amended law and the afternoon session closed. In the evening there was to have been a demonstration in practical nursing at the Methodist Hospital, but it was voted that the members go instead, *en masse*, to the tabernacle to hear the Rev. William Sunday. The demonstration at the hospital was given on Wednesday morning, instead of the automobile ride as previously planned. At eleven, the nurses viewed the new Central Club. At 11.30, there was a meeting of the nurs-

ing supervisors, when there was a discussion as to how best to reach the right kind of young woman who may desire to take training. One of the talkers spoke of a rather happy discovery which she and a sister nurse had made, that of passing on their copies of the JOURNAL each month to the reading rooms of the Young Woman's Christian Association and the Public Library. This thought lead to the suggestion that the Association expend a sum for subscriptions to the JOURNAL, these to be sent to the libraries in the larger towns out in the state. Accordingly, at the afternoon session, it was voted to take from the treasury \$20 to use for that purpose. At the afternoon and closing session, Hon. Judge Kennedy, of the Board of Control, spoke on What Nebraska is Doing for her Dependents. Dr. C. W. Pollard gave an interesting talk on Twilight Sleep, and the meetings closed with a paper on The Nurse in the Small Town, by Grace V. Bradley.

#### NEW JERSEY

THE NEW JERSEY STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION held its eighth semi-annual meeting on November 2, in Hackensack, at the invitation of the Hackensack Hospital Alumnae Association. The address of welcome was given by the Mayor, Hon. Milton Demarest, and the response by Elizabeth Higbid. The treasurer's report showed a substantial balance; the report of the Membership Committee showed an increase of 18 individuals and 1 association, all of whose applications were accepted. The report of the State Board of Examiners, by Marietta B. Squire, stated that at the examination held in Trenton in June, there were 35 applicants, 18 of whom passed successfully. 17 failed in one or more subjects; 23 applied for examination in subjects in which they had previously failed, 13 of whom passed, while 9 failed again. Miss Squire announced that examinations would be held on November 9 at Camden and Newark, thus making it easier for candidates at either end of the state. There had been one hundred new applications and 26 for re-examination. Copies of the law as amended by the Legislature in April have been sent to all the superintendents of training schools in the state. Miss Creech, in her president's address, urged closer coöperation, whatever may be the discouragements. Reports were given by the delegates to the American Nurses' Association, Marietta B. Squire, and to the State Federation of Women's Clubs, Beatrice Druge. It was decided to contribute a sum of money toward the building of the proposed college for women in New Brunswick. Bertha J. Gardner, a former president of the Association, gave a talk on journalism which was enlightening and interesting. A short address was given by Dr. J. E. Pratt of Hackensack. Interesting papers and talks on public health matters were given by Mrs. A. S. Humphries of the Social Service Department of Bellevue Hospital, Phoebe Hill of Paterson General Hospital and Lillian Hobart of Orange Memorial Hospital. Some important business was transacted. The next meeting will be held in Passaic in April, 1916.

THE NEW JERSEY STATE ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES was formed at a meeting held in the Chapel of the First Presbyterian Church, October 23. A tentative constitution and by-laws was framed and Frances A. Dennis elected president; vice-president, Mrs. Charlotte M. Heilman of Bound Brook; secretary, Helen E. Forbes, 27 South Street, Morristown; treasurer, Mary McIlroy of Newark. A further meeting will be held in January to adopt a permanent working basis and consolidate the organization. Applicants for membership found eligible may become charter members by the payment of an initiation fee of \$1, prior to the date of the first annual meeting.

THE NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSES, pursuant to the amendments to the law governing registration, passed April 14, 1915, held examinations in Camden and Newark simultaneously on November 9, 1915. 62 new candidates presented themselves for examination on this day, and 25 were re-examined in subjects in which they had failed to obtain a passing mark. There was a very general expression of satisfaction among candidates as to the economy and convenience of this new arrangement.

**Orange.**—THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF THE ORANGE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES, held its annual meeting, October 27, at the residence of Miss A. Knapp, East Orange. A report from the Needlework Committee showed that 180 garments for children had been made during the year in addition to contributions received of money and material. These garments are to be divided among the charitable organizations of the Oranges. Margaret Milholland and Anna Bryant were elected as delegates to the semi-annual meeting of the New Jersey State Nurses' Association at Hackensack. Elsa Schmidt, recently connected with the Harvard Medical School at Shanghai, China, and who has returned for the purpose of taking a special course at Teachers' College, was reported ill at the Orange Memorial Hospital. Three new applications for membership were accepted and one resignation, that of Elizabeth Rankine, who has gone to Scotland. The following officers were elected: president, A. C. McGrath; vice-presidents, Martha Moore, Edith Fowler; secretary, Beatrice M. Druge; treasurer, Antonie Knapp.

**Newark.**—THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF THE HOMEOPATHIC HOSPITAL OF ESSEX COUNTY at its annual meeting in June, elected the following officers: president, Emilie Wilms; vice-president, Lenore Lutts; treasurer, Carrie L. R. Harrison; corresponding secretary, Louise Hawkins; recording secretary, Bertha C. Stirton. It was decided that the association would furnish a room in the nurses' home for a recreation room.

THE HOMEOPATHIC HOSPITAL held commencement exercises at the Masonic Temple on the evening of October 22 for a class of eleven young women. Dr. G. Herbert Richards presented the diplomas. A reception and dance followed the exercises. On October 27th the graduating class and supervising nurses were entertained by the Alumnae Association at a luncheon at Sairs Banquet Hall.

**Hackensack.**—THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF THE HACKENSACK HOSPITAL held its regular meeting at the hospital on November 1, Irene Brewster presiding. Twenty-one members were present and five names were proposed for membership. Bertha J. Gardner of Rochester, N. Y., gave an interesting talk in which she advised the nurses to keep up to the times by reading the JOURNAL. Tea was served after the meeting.

**Montclair.**—THE MOUNTAINSIDE HOSPITAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION held its annual meeting at the Nurses' Club on October 19. Plans were reported for furnishing the nurses' room in the new building of the hospital. It was reported that Mrs. Leon Sewny, of Turkey, formerly Lillian Cole, class of 1894, had lost her husband from typhus and is now a refugee. Being an American, she was given a chance to escape, but would not desert her husband. Her whereabouts now are not known. The following officers were elected: president, Ida Stitt; vice-presidents, Mae Willer, Alice Guthrie; recording secretary, Ann Speicher; corresponding secretary, Josephine Trippett; treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Wilson. Chairmen Committees, entertainment, Mary Cox; auditing, Mrs. Ernest Schofield; nominating, Hazel Pell; printing, Lillian Rice; visiting, Eugenia Weiss; alumnae room, Mae Wilson.

## NEW YORK

THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION held its fourteenth annual convention in the ball room of the Hotel McAlpin, October 20-21. In the absence of the Mayor, the address of welcome was delivered by Deputy Commissioner Wright. Mrs. John Francis Yawger on behalf of the women of New York, also welcomed the delegates. The chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented the names of ten organizations and twelve individuals which were voted into membership.

The remainder of the Wednesday morning session was devoted to reports from special and standing committees and delegates.

At the afternoon session on Wednesday, the report of the Committee on Legislation was presented; also a very interesting address by Dr. Josephine Baker and a splendid paper by Miss Cadmus on Nursing Ethics.

The evening session on Wednesday was held in the Metropolitan Building and was extremely well attended. Lillian D. Wald, Dr. Katherine Davis and Jane A. Delano all delivered splendid addresses; but the most interesting feature of the session was the recital of individual experiences in the various countries at war by Red Cross nurses.

On Thursday morning the report of the Committee on Public Health was presented. The members also had the pleasure of listening to a paper by Josephine Durkee, one on the Private Duty Nurse by Elizabeth Greig, an address on Etopic Gestation by Dr. Lillian K. Farrar and a splendid address on The Control of Cancer by Dr. Edwin Reynolds. Another interesting paper presented at this session was The Burke Foundation, its Object and Aim, by Margaret Sauter.

During the interval between morning and afternoon sessions, the New York County Registered Nurses' Association, entertained the officers of the State Association and the out-of-town delegates at luncheon in the Winter Garden of the Hotel. The luncheon was a most delightful affair and was thoroughly enjoyed by about 225 members and guests,

The principal address of the Thursday afternoon session was delivered by Dr. Smith Ely Jelliffe, Adjunct Professor of Nervous and Mental Diseases at the New York Post Graduate Medical School and Hospital. At this session the Association adopted the following resolution: "That the Executive Committee in coöperation with the Legislative Committee be empowered to present to the Legislature of 1916, a bill to standardize the word 'nurse' and place all schools of nursing under the control of the regents of the University of the State of New York, unless subsequent events after this meeting is adjourned should indicate that it would be unwise to introduce a bill this year." The Association also voted unanimously to accept the invitation of the nurses of Buffalo to hold the convention of 1916 in that city. The report of the tellers showed the following officers elected: president, Mrs. Hugh Reid Jack, Bronx; vice president, Mrs. C. G. Stevenson, Brooklyn; treasurer, Louise Sherwood, Homeopathic Hospital, Syracuse; secretary, Beatrice M. Bamber, Harlem Hospital, New York; trustee for three years, Lina Lightbourne, Belleville, Jefferson County; members of Executive Committee for one year: Miss Littlefield, Homeopathic Hospital, Albany, Miss Goodrich, Teachers College, New York, Miss E. E. Golding, New York; candidates for the Board of Nurse Examiners, Mrs. Van Kirk Gillette, Pelham Manor, Grace Cameron, Canandaigua. After the new officers had been introduced the convention adjourned.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS

The Board of Nurse Examiners presents to you today a tale of outgrown clothing. At its inception the board was appareled in garments that seemed adequate and appropriate, but the years of its first halting steps are now passed, it has reached full stature with all of the attendant expansion and development, but it is still working with many of the garments and equipment of those early years. At the first examination the board gauged the eligibility of twenty-three women. Last June the same number of examiners did the same service for six hundred and sixty applicants. The importance of state registration is now widely felt and the responsibility upon the examiners has greatly increased. In spite of this, the board is numerically the same as before, the office of the secretary has not been expanded to meet the increased demands and the compensation to the examiners has been reduced.

In my report two years ago I called attention to the increasing amount of work. Last year the secretary's report further amplified that fact, and an appeal for an enlargement was made. This request has had no decisive answer although the work continues to grow in volume.

The statistical report for last year is as follows:

EXAMINATION	NUMBER APPLIED	NUMBER REGISTERED	PER CENT OF FAILURES	WAIVER
January 1915.....	626	594	4.6	
June 1915.....	660	605	8.1	
	1286	1199		93

If it seems wise to abandon any immediate plan for enlarging the board, the next resource for help may be to increase the compensation of the examiners. When the board was first formed there was no consideration of financial compensation. Miss Palmer, Miss Damer, Miss MacDonald, Mr. Sanford and the present secretary saw in it simply a service to the profession, I think no one of us at that time even knew that there would be any remuneration. The later appointees to the board have taken up its service in the same spirit. The examiners' fee was fixed by the University and corresponded to that paid to other professional examining boards. This was at the rate of \$10 per day for actual service rendered. The work at that time was thrillingly interesting. The number of nurses examined was small, but the workspread itself over such subjects as the standards of schools, inspections, curricula, forms of application, certification, etc. Little by little these broader and more interesting aspects of the question have been taken away and have been vested in the Advisory Council and the Inspector. The responsibility of the examiners is now confined to the accepting or rejecting of candidates, rating papers and signing certificates. The joy of constructive work has gone and in its place has been imposed the drudgery of signing hundreds of certificates and of rating thousands of answer papers. At a meeting of the board in October, 1909, Dr. Downing reported that the accounts of the nursing division showed that the expenses exceeded the receipts and that it would be necessary to reduce the fees of the examiners one-half, making them at the rate of \$5 instead of \$10 per day as heretofore. Other minor changes in the manner of count-

ing time further tended to reduce the account sheets of the examiners. This curtailment was accepted by the members of the board without comment and its ruling holds to this day. Now comes the difficulty. The work is heavy and, during the two periods of examination, is exacting. The average amount received by a single member of the board has been estimated as \$150 per annum. This represents half-hours snatched from the night or from "off duty" time and, if taken in consecutive days, would amount to one full month. Under these conditions it is difficult to keep the personnel of the group intact. This semi-volunteer work is too heavy to be carried by women who are already weighted with grave responsibilities and the remuneration is too small to make it appreciable in the yearly budget of one who might otherwise add it to a less arduous task. It is imperative that the results of the examinations should be determined as soon as possible, in order that the nurses may not be kept in suspense too long but, with examiners who are already deeply engrossed, it is impossible to submit the first report under a month or six weeks. And this is not the most serious feature of the question. By far a graver aspect of the case is that the best of the brains of the examiners must be given to their regular daily occupation. The rating of the answer papers is usually tucked away into the late hours when keenness and judgment are, for most of us, at their lowest ebb, and when the maximum of nervous force is required to bring them into play. Today we have to supply the place of Miss Cadmus, the president of the board, who refuses renomination because of the weight of work involved. Miss Arnold of the Samaritan Hospital, Troy, has twice sent in her resignation and it is only by the combined efforts of all interested that we have overcome her prejudice to assuming duties that she fears she will not be able to undertake with her best energies. Since the beginning of the work of the board, office space and telephone service has been given through the courtesy of the Henry Street Settlement. This, by reason of growth and change in that institution, is no longer available and, much to the settlement's regret, the secretary has been obliged to withdraw from the shelter of its roof, and she and her typewriter must find hospitality elsewhere. The matter has been taken up with Dr. Downing and it is hoped that in the near future the secretary will be located in her own office with her desk, typewriter, files and telephone. Until some such arrangement has been made, information concerning the secretary may always be had by telephoning to the Henry Street Settlement. At the expense of repetition permit me to express the foregoing concisely by saying that the solution for the present difficulties of the board would seem to be as follows: 1. An enlargement of the board by at least one member; 2. Adequate office provision in New York City where the weight of work is greatest; 3. More compensation to the examiners, that the service of the board may be removed from the class of the semi-volunteer and may be placed once more on a dignified basis proportionate to other examining boards.

JANE ELIZABETH HITCHCOCK,  
*Secretary New York State Board of Nurse Examiners.*

THE NEW YORK STATE ORGANIZATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING was formed during the annual meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association, late in October, and marks an important advance in the already far-reaching work done by public health nurses in the state. This organization was formed as the result of a long felt need and a wide spread request from public health nurses throughout the state, that they be brought into closer contact with each

other's work. The importance of this step is evidenced by the avowed purpose of those who have come together in this new body to stimulate the extension throughout New York State of the widely-varying services which nurses may offer to the public both in sickness and health; to standardize as rapidly as is expedient the various branches of public health nursing; to assist in the development of instruction in public health matters to nurses in training; to seek to extend the provisions for skilled nursing of the sick poor in their home; to increase and broaden the teaching of hygiene and sanitation by nurses; to assist in the enforcement of all public health laws and rulings; to have at its annual meetings round table discussions on visiting nursing, infant welfare, tuberculosis, mental hygiene, prevention of blindness, welfare nursing, school nursing, etc., in order that there may be a helpful interchange of ideas and suggestions on these subjects; and also that the members may be kept informed concerning the progress and development of methods of work in all phases of public health nursing. The officers elected for the first year were: president, Carolyn C. Van Blarcom, New York City; vice-president, Mary V. Crich, Peekskill; recording secretary, Rose O'Hare, Buffalo; corresponding secretary, Elinor Bridgeland, New York City; treasurer, C. Josephine Durkee, Albany, while chairmen of committees on each of the branches of work above mentioned will soon be appointed. The organization will follow the course adopted by similar bodies in other states and will form a part of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing and also will be affiliated with the New York State Nurses' Association. All individual nurses and groups of nurses engaged in various kinds of public welfare work are urged to join the organization and assist in promoting its ideals.

**New York.**—THE NEW YORK CITY LEAGUE FOR NURSING EDUCATION held its regular meeting at St. Luke's Hospital on the evening of November 3, Miss Greener presided. Miss Murdoch, chairman of a special committee, reported that arrangements had been completed for the supper to be tendered Miss Nutting at the Cosmopolitan Club on November 17. Dr. Blumgarten spoke on The Teaching of Materia Medica and outlined the course as given at the German Hospital. Lunette Parker of Teachers College read a paper on The Need of Teaching Chemistry in Training Schools. A discussion followed, after which the meeting adjourned.

THE NEW YORK CITY HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING held commencement exercises on October 28, at 4 p.m. Carolyn E. Gray, the principal, presented the annual report and Deputy Commissioner Henry C. Wright, Miss Goodrich and Monsigneur LaVelle addressed the graduating class. All emphasized the educational needs in the profession. Twenty-three nurses received diplomas. A reception and dance followed.

**Brooklyn.**—A meeting of the graduate nurses of the Kings County Hospital was held at the nurses' home on November 5, when a social club was formed to promote a greater feeling of friendship and sociability among the nurses. It will be called The Tuesday Evening Club and meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

**Utica.**—ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL held its graduating exercises at the hospital, October 18 and diplomas were awarded to nine nurses. An interesting feature of the occasion was the address by the new bishop of the diocese, Rt. Rev. Charles Fiske. Dr. Willis E. Ford presided and also made an address. The exercises were followed by a reception. The Alumnae Association held its annual meeting October 7, when the report of the delegate to the convention of the American



Nurses' Association was read. The Alumnae entertained the graduating class in the lecture room of the hospital, on October 14. Mrs. Dayton, who has been engaged in tuberculosis work in Albany, has accepted the position of superintendent at the hospital.

**Schenectady.**—THE SCHENECTADY COUNTY NURSES ASSOCIATION held its regular meeting on the evening of November 5 in the parlors of the Edson Hotel. Mrs. Estcourt presided in the absence of Miss Atkin, who was ill. Miss Atkin's excellent and complete report of the meeting of the State Association was read by Miss O'Brien. Central directory problems were discussed. A social hour followed.

**Rochester.**—THE MONROE COUNTY REGISTERED NURSES' ASSOCIATION gave a dinner at the Rochester Club on the evening of November 10, in honor of the returned Red Cross nurses. Nurses from other organizations were invited and there was a large gathering to hear Miss Weber and Miss Thomas tell of their experiences. Mrs. Parsons had left for the south. The other two members of the Red Cross group are still on service in England.

#### NORTH DAKOTA

THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS held its second meeting on October 20, at the City Hall, Grand Forks. All members were present, and 122 applications for state registration were received.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION held its semiannual meeting at Grand Forks, on October 20th. Eight members of the board were present and 44 applications for membership were accepted.

THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS held a joint meeting with the Educational Committee of the State Nurses' Association on October 19, to which all superintendents of training schools were invited and a large number were present. Text-books were chosen, and the course of study outlined which is to be used in all training schools in the state.

**Jamestown.**—AIDA LANGLEY has been appointed superintendent of Parkview Hospital.

**Fargo.**—ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL graduated a class of six nurses on September 9.

**Bismarck.**—EMMA SCHROEDER has taken charge of the obstetrical department at the Bismarck Hospital.

**Grand Forks.**—THE GRAND FORKS COUNTY GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION held its annual meeting at the Y. W. C. A. rooms, on October 12, and elected the following officers: president, Jennie Mahoney; vice-president, Lelia Halvorson; secretary, Mathilda Huff; treasurer, Agnes Patterson; chairman of credential committee, Minnie Traynor; ways and means, Mary Roller; entertainment, Margaret Matter.

#### OHIO

THE OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE NURSES held its twelfth annual meeting at the Chamber of Commerce, Columbus, October 19 and 20, 1915. The convention was called to order at 10 a.m., president Marie A. Lawson, in the chair. The invocation was given by Rt. Rev. Theodore Reese, Bishop Coadjutor. In the absence of the Governor, George Gillette, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, gave the address of welcome, which was responded to by Mary Roberts of

Cincinnati on behalf of the Ohio State Association; by Harriet P. Friend, of Dayton, on behalf of the League of Nursing Education; and by Miss Tuttle, of Columbus, on behalf of the League of Public Health Nursing. Miss Lawson made a brief address, giving a résumé of the work of the Legislative Committee during the past year, in obtaining the Nurse Registration Act. The secretary read the minutes of the last annual meeting and after their adoption, the treasurer's report was accepted, showing a substantial balance, in spite of the many expenditures made necessary by the registration campaign and the president's trip to the national convention. Miss Lawson then gave a very comprehensive and interesting report of the San Francisco meeting and in closing asked that the association ratify her pledge to the Relief Fund of \$25, which was immediately done. The report of a committee appointed for the revision of the regulations and by-laws was accepted and the suggested changes adopted. The membership committee's report given by the chairman, Florence Walker, of Cleveland, recommended 277 new members, the secretary casting the vote for their election. Miss Jamieson of Columbus, gave the report of the Legislative Committee, the condensation of which is: State Registration.

The second session was devoted to the League of Nursing Education, with Harriet P. Friend in the chair. After the usual business routine, Grace E. Allison of Cleveland read a paper entitled—Scholarships for Schools of Nursing—followed by a paper by Norma A. Sauer of Cincinnati on *Materia Medica* in Schools of Nursing. This paper was so popular that Miss Sauer was invited to re-read it at a subsequent session of the State Association. These two papers were followed by a general discussion. Then followed reports of the Programme and Publication Committees. Miss Tuttle, in giving a report of the Red Cross Committee, called on representatives from the various cities represented at the convention, Miss Roberts reporting the work from Cincinnati, speaking of the death of Miss Hoff, who had served in Serbia, dying a week after her return. Miss Walker of Cleveland reported the death of Miss Munro, who died on the Island of Lamos in the Mediterranean. In the absence of Miss Mapes, Miss Morrison gave a short report for Toledo, and Anza Johnson reported the work of the Columbus nurses. Miss Condit, who was with Miss Gladwin in Serbia, gave a very graphic account of conditions there and made all her hearers wish they had been with those brave nurses who battled with the dread typhus for so many weeks.

The evening session was held in the Chamber of Commerce and was a general session of the Ohio State Association, the subject of the deliberations being State Registration. Mary M. Riddle, of Newton Lower Falls, Mass., gave a history of state registration in that state, where the various troubles incident to its adoption in other states, obtain. Miss Riddle's advice, coming as it did, from one of the leading pioneers in the nursing world, was very much appreciated. Dr. George Matson, secretary of the State Nurses' Examining Committee, gave a clear interpretation of the law. After some discussion the meeting adjourned.

The fourth session, October 20, 9 a.m., was in charge of the Public Health League, Jennie Tuttle of Columbus in the chair. Mrs. Anna Runer read a paper on The Richard Enderlin Welfare Work of the Associated Charities, Chillicothe, Ohio, showing what money, plus one enthusiastic nurse can accomplish, in a very short time. Miss Lorrimer read a paper written by Elizabeth Cocke of Cincinnati on Experiences in Welfare Work. Both of these papers were much enjoyed. Then followed a paper on Welfare Work Done in Connection with the District T. B. Hospital, by Maude Barnard, Eaton, Ohio. This Public Health session was

one of the best and most interesting of all the meetings held. Following its adjournment the members of the association were entertained by the City Association at luncheon in the dining room of the Virginia Hotel.

The closing session was a general one of the Ohio State Association. After some unfinished business, the report of the tellers was presented, showing that the following officers had been elected for the ensuing year: president, Mary Roberts, Cincinnati; vice-presidents, Grace E. Allison, Cleveland, Jennie Tuttle, Columbus, Rose Steinmetz, Akron, Merry C. Echols, Massillon, Mary Hamer Greenwood, Cincinnati; recording secretary, Mabel Morrison, Toledo; corresponding secretary, Laura R. Logan, Cincinnati; treasurer, Miss Jamieson, Columbus.

The officers of the Public Health League are: president, Florence Walker, Cleveland; vice-presidents, Miss Stewart, Miss Black; secretary-treasurer, Miss Gadd, Springfield.

The officers of the League of Nursing Education are: president, Harriet P. Friend, Dayton; vice-presidents, Merry C. Echols, Massillon, O., Miss Hemmingway, Canton; secretary-treasurer, Miss Williamson, Cleveland.

By request, Miss Sauer read again her paper on *Materia Medica* in the Schools of Nursing, after which she was tendered a rising vote of thanks. At Miss Lawson's request a recommendation was made to the State Examining Board, asking that trustees of hospitals be asked to provide proper housing facilities for nurses. Resolutions were passed on the death of two Red Cross nurses who had given their lives for the suffering victims of the great war; Frances Munroe, of Huron Road Hospital, Cleveland, and Jennie D. Hoff, of Marietta. Copies were sent to their families. A telegram was sent to Hulda Cron of Toledo, asking her to represent the Association at the meetings of the Federation of Clubs in session in that city. An invitation from Cincinnati Graduate Nurse Association to hold the next meeting in Cincinnati was accepted. An invitation from Youngstown was also received, and Miss Mapes of Toledo asked that the 1917 meeting be held in Toledo. Miss Condit was elected delegate to the Red Cross meeting to be held in Washington in December. Miss Gaiser of Cleveland, was elected alternate delegate to the National organization. Miss Lawson introduced the new president, and the retiring officers were tendered a rising vote of thanks. Adjournment to meet in Cincinnati, 1916, the time of the annual meeting having been changed to correspond with the date of the State Examining Board.

**Cleveland.**—THE CLEVELAND LEAGUE OF NURSING EDUCATION has recently been organized with a membership of thirteen.

GRACE E. ALLISON succeeds Miss Samuel as superintendent of nurses at Lakeside Hospital.

ST. VINCENT'S CHARITY HOSPITAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION gave a most delightful reception and banquet on the evening of October 5 for the Red Cross nurses who had returned from European service. Sixty nurses were present, including the graduating class of Charity Hospital and the guests of honor, Misses McGuire, Bentley, Katherine and Rosina Volk, McKenney, Bowman, Reynolds, Eisenheim, Schofield, Mautner. Cordial addresses were made by Sister Marcelline, Margaret McGuire, Grace Bentley, Rachel Morgan and Margaret Doyle.

## OKLAHOMA

THE OKLAHOMA STATE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE NURSES, at its recent convention held in Shawnee, elected the following officers. president, Rose Walker, El Reno; secretary, Mrs. F. D. Bearly, 711 West 20th Street, Oklahoma City; treasurer, Maud Parker, 27 West Eighth Street, Oklahoma City.

## PENNSYLVANIA

**Philadelphia.**—THE NURSES' ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILADELPHIA HOSPITAL held a meeting on November 1 at the nurses' home, with an attendance of fifty-two, Alice O'Halloran presiding. Addresses on Suffrage were given by Lida Stokes Adams, Anne K. Sutton and Celia Kennedy. Miss Eager read extracts from a letter written by Leopoldine Guinther, who is at Teachers College, having been awarded the Alice Fisher scholarship, consequently the members are greatly interested in her work and progress. Alice O'Halloran, who has just returned from San Francisco, where for six months she had supervised the work of the Pennsylvania State tuberculosis exhibit, read a most interesting paper. Tea was served at the end of the meeting.

**Pittsburgh.**—THE ALLEGHENY GENERAL HOSPITAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION held its first reunion banquet on October 12. 130 nurses were present and it was decided to make this an annual affair.

**New Kensington.**—THE NEW CITIZENS HOSPITAL was opened and dedicated on October 16, beginning with an auto parade in which 200 cars participated. After this the building was thrown open for inspection. It is an up-to-date building of tapestry brick with accommodations for 60 patients. Irene N. Murdoch is superintendent and Helen D. Elder is superintendent of nurses.

**South Bethlehem.**—ST. LUKE'S ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION held its annual meeting at the hospital on October 18, when the following officers were elected: president, Ida C. Flickinger; vice-president, Mary Kiernan; secretary and treasurer, Helen McDaniels; corresponding secretary, Bessie M. Ely. At the graduation exercises of the training school, held on the same day, eight nurses received diplomas.

**White Haven.**—THE WHITE HAVEN SANATORIUM held commencement exercises in the auditorium on the afternoon of October 9. Dr. W. G. Turnbull, medical director of the state sanatorium at Cresson, was the principal speaker. Dr. Lawrence F. Flick presented the diplomas to the eight graduates. An informal reception followed in the nurses' home.

THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF THE WHITE HAVEN SANATORIUM held its fourth annual meeting at the sanatorium on October 9. In the absence of the president and secretary, Anna L. Morris and Miss L. deF. Baker, acted in their stead. Several amendments were made to the by-laws and the eight new graduates were admitted to membership. It was decided, instead of holding the usual banquet, to give each new graduate a year's subscription to the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING. The following officers were elected: president, M. Camilla Hayes, class of 1915; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Mary Ehrenstein, class of 1913.

## RHODE ISLAND

THE RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE NURSES met at the Rhode Island Hospital, on October 19, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Dexter Townsend entertained with songs and recitations.

**Providence.**—THE RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL NURSES' CLUB held a meeting at the George Ide Chace Home for Nurses, November 2. Winifred L. Fitzpatrick gave a report of the convention at San Francisco, which she attended as delegate from the Providence District Nurses' Association.

THE RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL NURSES' ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION and the resident nurses at the Rhode Island Hospital held a reception for Mrs. C. L. Harris, a resident of the Rhode Island Hospital for twenty-two years and for fifteen years an honorary member of the Alumnae Association, at the Home, November 6. Mrs. Harris' engagement to Mr. G. W. H. Ritchie of New York was announced a short time ago. Mrs. Harris was presented with a silver vase by the Alumnae and a travelling case by the nurses in the hospital. Following the presentation there was singing by the pupil nurses and dancing. A large number was present.

THE PROVIDENCE BRANCH GUILD OF ST. BARNABAS FOR NURSES met at St. Stephen's Church, November 4. Dr. Fiske, the Chaplain, said office and made an address appropriate to the season, All Saints'. Dr. Fiske spoke of the sad death of Miss Cavell and her heroic facing of death. The report of the Council of the Guild held at Meadville, Pennsylvania, October 28 and 29 was given by the secretary. One new member was received.

#### TENNESSEE

THE NEW OFFICERS OF THE EXAMINING BOARD are: president, Dr. J. D. Brewer, Newbern; secretary, Nell J. Dougherty, Nashville.

THE TENNESSEE STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION held its third annual convention at Knoxville, September 16-17. The same officers were reëlected. The next convention will be held at Memphis. Dr. Reese Patterson, a member of the new board of examiners, was invited to address the Association.

#### WISCONSIN

THE COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS OF REGISTERED NURSES will hold an examination for applicants for registration, January 10 and 11, at the Park Hotel, Madison, Wis. All applications for examination must be filed with the secretary before January 1, 1916.

ANNA J. HASWELL, *Secretary.*

THE WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE NURSES held its sixth annual convention in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol Building, Madison, October 5 and 6. The address of welcome was given by Mayor A. H. Kayser. Addresses were given by Mrs. Clara Schmidt, president of the Dane County Nurses' Association, and Mrs. H. S. Richards, president of the Madison Women's Clubs. The response was by Regine White, president of the Association. It was voted to become a corporate member of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, and to organize a Wisconsin Association for Public Health Nursing; also to affiliate with the Wisconsin Federation of Women's Clubs. The meeting included a session for superintendents of training schools. There were many interesting speakers, among them Mary C. Wheeler of Chicago on The Essential Requirements of Schools for Nurses; Mathild Krueger, of Neenah on Red Cross Work in Serbia and Typhus Fever. Dr. Paul Clark of the University of Wisconsin spoke on Prevention of Diseases. Dr. C. A. Harper, secretary of the State Board of Health, spoke on The Nurse in Her Relation to the State. Others

also contributed to the successful program. The Madison nurses added many pleasant features of entertainment to the Convention—a banquet at the Women's Club Building, an auto ride and a visit to the University of Wisconsin. \$100 was voted to cover pledges at the National Convention. A State Committee for the National Red Cross Nursing Service was selected as follows: Cora Nifer, Chairman, Milwaukee County Hospital, Wauwatosa; Margaret Thomas, Eau Claire; Mrs. Clara Schmidt, Madison; Katherine Lana, Oshkosh; Grace Palm-bach, Appleton, Mrs. C. A. Moore, Monroe, Rose Zeratzky, La Crosse; Mrs. Maud Davis and Regine White, Milwaukee. Membership dues of \$25.00 in the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Association were appropriated. The meeting place for 1916 was left in the hands of a committee. The following officers were elected: president, Mary Good; vice-presidents, Myra Kimbal, Mrs. Kate Kohlsaat; treasurer, Margaret Pakenham; secretary, Bertha Schultz; directors for three years, Myra Kimball, Green Bay; Margaret Lewis, Eau Claire; Eleanor Zuppuan, La Crosse; Mrs. George Ernst, Milwaukee; and Bertha Schultz, Milwaukee. Regine White was chosen as a delegate to the National Convention in 1916, also as a delegate to the National Red Cross meeting in Washington, D. C., December 8, 1915. An interesting report of the national meeting at San Francisco was given by the delegate, Mina Newhouse.

**Milwaukee.**—THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY NURSES' ASSOCIATION held its annual meeting at Gimbel's Grill Room, on October 12, the first vice-president, N. Elizabeth Casey, presiding. Dr. A. W. Rogers, of the Oconomowoc Sanatorium, Oconomowoc, gave a talk on the care of mental and nervous diseases. This talk was most instructive from the nurses' point of view in caring for that class of patients. The delegates' report of the Wisconsin Association of Graduate Nurses was most inspiring, as it not only included the work covered by the State Association, but also that of the National Association, at San Francisco. After the adjournment of the meeting the members gathered socially at a little luncheon.

#### BIRTHS

On September 9, a daughter, to Dr. and Mrs. Homer K. Nicoll. Mrs. Nicoll was Eva Pickens, class of 1909, Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago.

On September 6, a daughter, to Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Lee. Mrs. Lee was Sylvia Chenowith, class of 1908, Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago.

On July 30, a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Runyon. Mrs. Runyon was Blanch Rood, class of 1908, Vassar Brothers Hospital, Poughkeepsie, New York.

On October 29, in Utica, New York, a son, Frederick Reynolds, to Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Reynolds Ford. Mrs. Ford was Mary Louise Morrison, class of 1907, St. Luke's Hospital, Utica.

Recently, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Wenk. Mrs. Wenk was Selma Oppenheimer, class of 1908, Maryland General Hospital.

On August 2, in New Rochelle, New York, a son, Francis Lewis, to Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Ligourie. Mrs. Ligourie was Stella Knouse, class of 1912, Hebrew Hospital, Baltimore.

Recently, a daughter, to Dr. and Mrs. Harry Trainor. Mrs. Trainor was a graduate of St. Barnabas' Hospital, Newark, New Jersey, class of 1906.

Recently, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hensler. Mrs. Hensler was Dorothy Dean, class of 1907, St. Barnabas' Hospital, Newark, New Jersey.

Recently, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schultz. Mrs. Schultz was Lina Bishop, class of 1907, Hospital of St. Barnabas, Newark, New Jersey.

On October 5, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Forret. Mrs. Forret was Irene Grace, class of 1911, Mercy Hospital, Des Moines.

On August 25, at Denver, Colorado, a daughter, to Dr. and Mrs. Roy Sheldon. Mrs. Sheldon was Agnes Babcock, Mercy Hospital, Des Moines.

Recently, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown. Mrs. Brown was Miss Finlayson, St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

### MARRIAGES

On September 7, at Clyde, Ohio, Margaret Meek, class of 1913, Toledo Hospital, to Eugene Page Mettler. Mr. and Mrs. Mettler will live in Toledo, Ohio.

On October 20, at Aminia, New York, Frances A. Shank, class of 1909, City Hospital, to N. Collins Smith. Miss Shank was superintendent of the Sharon Hospital, Sharon, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will live in Aminia Union, New York.

On September 29, at Orlando, Florida, Jemima Fraser, class of 1911, Union Hospital, Lynn, Massachusetts, to Walter Bradford. Mr. and Mrs. Bradford will live in Winter Park, Florida.

On September 16, at the American Cathedral, Manila, Philippine Islands, Harriet May Knester, class of 1910, Phoenixville Hospital, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, to Hix James Welch. Mr. and Mrs. Welch will live in Manila.

On July 29, Mary White, class of 1913, Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, to J. E. Watters. Mr. and Mrs. Watters will live in Hagler, Colorado.

On September 19, Maude Thompson, class of 1909, Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, to W. H. Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Moore will live in Lafayette, Indiana.

On August 27, at Chatauqua, New York, Mary L. Shave, Norton Infirmary, Louisville, Kentucky, to Harry Kendall.

On August 18, C. C. Collins, Norton Infirmary, Louisville, to Paul C. Davis.

On September 6, Clara E. Heock, to Joseph Kimbell. Mr. and Mrs. Kimbell will live in Louisville.

On August 6, Amanda Baker to C. S. Shoolroy. Mr. and Mrs. Shoolroy will live in Louisville, Kentucky.

At Strait Creek, Kentucky, Qula Wilhoit, Norton Infirmary, to Fred Stokes.

On August 25, in Alberta, Prince Edward Island, Ida May Champion, class of 1904, Massachusetts General Hospital, to Robert Hudson Gordon. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon will live in Montrose, Prince Edward Island.

On October 28, in Utica, New York, Jane Wilcox, class of 1912, St. Luke's Hospital, to Harry McIntosh. Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh will live in Herkimer, New York.

On September 21, Ethel Hupman, class of 1912, Hebrew Hospital, Baltimore, to Ernest Coiner. Mr. and Mrs. Coiner will live in Waynesboro, Virginia.

On October 12, in Pittsburgh, Sara K. Trimble, class of 1899, Allegheny General Hospital, to James E. MacKenzie. Mr. and Mrs. MacKenzie will live in New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

On September 22, Mabel A. Siddons, class of 1912, Proctor Hospital, Peoria, Illinois, to Jesse O. Bennett. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett will live in Eureka, Illinois.

On September 23, Mary Oetzel, class of 1909, Proctor Hospital, Peoria, Illinois, to Carl Gebhard. Mr. and Mrs. Gebhard will live in Peoria.

On October 20, at Emden, Illinois, Mabel Earl, class of 1914, Proctor Hospital, Peoria, to William Rippey. Mr. and Mrs. Rippey will live in Monmouth, Illinois.

On August 25, Mary Pottinger, class of 1913, Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, to Harry Green. Mr. and Mrs. Green will live in Brooklyn.

On September 15, in Montreat, North Carolina, Jean Edna Wheeler, Long Island College Hospital, to Maxey Gregg Latimer. Mr. and Mrs. Latimer will live in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Recently in Somerville, Massachusetts, Nora A. Browwabrau, class of 1904, Boston City Hospital, to Arthur Reynolds.

On September 28, Margaret McGowan, class of 1914, White Haven Training School, to Eugene Devlin. Mr. and Mrs. Devlin will live in Dobbs Ferry, New York.

On October 15, Gertrude Sprague, class of 1915, Long Island College Hospital, to J. Wheeler Smith, M.D.

On October 26, in Rockaway Beach, Long Island, S. Phoebe Sprague, class of 1910, Long Island College Hospital, to Archibald MacDonald Wood, M.D. Dr. and Mrs. Wood will live in Oyster Bay.

On September 14, in New York City, Alice Nesslage, class of 1915, Homeopathic Hospital, Newark, New Jersey, to George W. Herrington. Mr. and Mrs. Herrington will live in New York.

On September 18, in Glen Ridge, Lillian Simmons, class of 1914, Homeopathic Hospital, Newark, New Jersey, to Harry Whelan. Mr. and Mrs. Whelan will live in Newark.

On October 26, Mary Paxton, class of 1915, Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, to Frank Kaiser Bartlett, M.D. Dr. and Mrs. Bartlett will live in Ogden, Utah.

On October 21, at Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, Margaret I. Urquhart, class of 1907, Butler Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island, to John W. Sweeney, M.D. Dr. and Mrs. Sweeney will live in Providence.

On November 5, at Newark, New Jersey, Mae Morton, class of 1913, Hospital of St. Barnabas, Newark, New Jersey, to Harold B. Dobson. Mr. and Mrs. Dobson will live in Trenton.

On October 17, at Hesper, Kansas, Della A. Davis, class of 1911, Iron and Fuel Hospital, Pueblo, Colorado, to George J. Votaw. Mr. and Mrs. Votaw will live on a farm near Hesper.

On October 26, at San Antonio, Texas, Hattie L. Brooks, class of 1910, Farrand Training School, Detroit, to Carl Oakman, M.D. After a trip to the Hawaiian Islands, Dr. and Mrs. Oakman will live in Grosse Point.

On October 29, at New York City, Mina McLean, class of 1911, Farrand Training School, Detroit, to C. D. Heaton. Mr. and Mrs. Heaton will live in New York City.

On October 1, Helena M. Teets, class of 1915, Grace Hospital, Detroit, to Arthur Smeck, M.D. Dr. and Mrs. Smeck will live in Detroit.

On October 16, at Kansas City, Frances Hoffman, class of 1912, Mercy Hospital, Des Moines, to Davis Mallory. Mr. and Mrs. Mallory will live in Des Moines.

On October 20, in Kansas City, Missouri, Bernice Edwards, class of 1915, St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis, to Milton Broenser, M.D. Dr. and Mrs. Broenser will live in Holly, Colorado.

On July 14, at Pana, Illinois, C. Weiss, class of 1915, St. Louis Training School,



St. Louis, to Lieutenant C. H. Hutton, U.S.A. Lieut. and Mrs. Hutton will live in Washington, D. C.

In October, Bessie Shields, class of 1912, Ottumwa Hospital, Ottumwa, Iowa, to J. E. Kerr. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr will live in Albion.

On July 15, at Golden, Colorado, Leila Wilson, class of 1914, Mercy Hospital, Des Moines, to Lyle Shelly. Mr. and Mrs. Shelly will live in Brighton, Illinois.

In July, Ethel Hooven, class of 1913, Mercy Hospital, Des Moines, to Dr. Kern. Dr. and Mrs. Kern will live in Platteville, Colorado.

On November 6, at Saranac Lake, New York, Charlotte Agnes Schaquette, class of 1915, St. Lawrence State Hospital, to William A. Parker. Mr. and Mrs. Parker will winter in Bermuda.

On August 11, at O'Fallon, Missouri, Sallie Stone Edwards, class of 1914, St. Louis Training School, to Horace McCleure. Mr. and Mrs. McCleure will live in Richmond, Missouri.

On September 11, V. R. Coleman, class of 1906, St. Louis Training School, to M. W. Scott. Mr. and Mrs. Scott will live in St. Louis.

On September 15, at Galt, Ontario, Canada, Janette Harkness, class of 1907, St. Louis Training School, to Kennett McDonald. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald will live in Galt.

On September 20, at Sligo, Missouri, Elsie Martin, class of 1914, St. Louis Training School, to C. Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts will live in Sligo.

#### DEATHS

On October 8, at her home, Ogdensburg, New York, after several months' illness, Anna O'Neil, a nurse in training at the St. Lawrence State Hospital. Her death is mourned by those with whom she was associated.

On October 21, at Wheeling Hospital, Wheeling, West Virginia, Elizabeth Connors, class of 1902, Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Miss Connors, who was ill but a short time of nervous trouble, was beloved by all her friends for her noble deeds.

On July 4, at her home, Castile, New York, Mary Moses, class of 1889, Farrand Training School, Detroit. Miss Moses was a private duty nurse.

On October 25, at Harper Hospital, Detroit, Amelia Lavay, class of 1893, Farrand Training School. In 1898, Miss Lavay volunteered for service in the United States Government. She was sent to Honolulu where, for six years, she was superintendent of nurses in the Hawaiian Hospital. Later she was superintendent of the Naval Hospital, Manila, where she proved herself most efficient during an epidemic of typhoid. She returned to this country in 1907.

On October 23, at her home in Anacortes, Washington, Cora L. Smith, class of 1900, Rockford Hospital, Rockford, Illinois. Miss Smith held several responsible positions in Illinois before coming to Washington in 1904, where she entered hospital work. She was keenly alive to and interested in her profession, she served on the first board of nurse examiners and only resigned on account of ill health. For the same reason, she and her partner disposed of the private hospital they had conducted for eight years in Anacortes. For a few months this summer her friends hoped she was improving but the change was only temporary; she suffered from carcinoma of the stomach and uterus. In her going, the profession in Washington has met with a distinct loss as she was a most efficient nurse and a very capable woman. Burial was at her early home in Nashua, Iowa.

On October 15, at the Pasadena Hospital, Pasadena, California, Sara M. Dick, class of 1894, Illinois Training School, after an illness of many months. Miss Dick was a native of Canada. She was at one time an assistant superintendent of the Illinois Training School under Miss McIsaac. She went to California in charge of the "White Cross" and for a time did private nursing in Berkeley, but of late she had lived in Pasadena, where she took an active part in nursing affairs, having been president of the Graduate Nurses' Club. She had a strong personality and her influence was always on the side of justice and right. She was lovingly cared for during her weeks of suffering by the nurses who were her friends. The simple funeral services were arranged by them according to her wishes. Burial was in Toronto, Canada. She will be greatly missed; she was a good friend. She looked life in the face and she met death with the same courage. "Let her works praise her."

"Somewhere" in France, Margaret Hamilton, a graduate of the Protestant Deaconess Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana, and a member of the Central Directory, St. Louis. Miss Hamilton sailed from New York in June, 1915, with the Illinois Unit of doctors and nurses, for service in France. The last heard from her, which was a few days before notice of her death, she was well and very enthusiastic about her work.

On November 1, at the Kansas City General Hospital, of pneumonia, Mary Quigley, class of 1914, General Hospital. Miss Quigley was beloved by all who knew her, for her cheerful disposition and sunny smile made many friends. Funeral services were held in the cathedral on November 3, when six nurses acted as pall bearers.

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On October 11, 1915, at her home in Wallaceburgh, Ontario, Canada, Beulah Burgess, class of 1914, Farrand Training School, Detroit.

On October 12, 1915, at Boulder, Colorado, from the after-effects of an operation, Clara E. Brownson, class of 1904, Wichita Hospital, Wichita, Kansas. Since 1908, Miss Brownson had been engaged in private nursing in Boulder. She was invaluable to those to whom she ministered; not alone because of her strength, wisdom and nursing skill, but above all because of the uplift of her steadiness and her quiet, never-failing cheerfulness, the result naturally flowing from her brave, strong, firm, deeply-religious personality. Her patients never forgot her and were at the last, except for her closest and dearest, her sincerest mourners. It was a wholly unexpected death and so the harder to bear, but as surely as her life continues on and on, so surely will her memory and influence abide as a pervasive factor in the life of the community.

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### TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

There will be a meeting of the National Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service at 1 p.m., on December 7, at Red Cross Headquarters, 1624 H Street N.W., Washington, D. C. There will also be a joint meeting of the National Committee, delegates from the state nurses' associations, and any members of state and local committees who may be present, on December 9, at 2 p.m. at Red Cross headquarters.